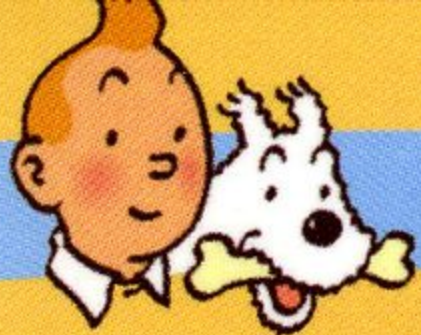




THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

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INTRODUCTION

Breaking Free is a product of its times. First published in 1989, it's set against a backdrop of 10 years of open class warfare under a Tory government. That decade began with mass unemployment and inner city riots; it took in the miners' strike and Wapping dispute, along with the Big Bang which underpinned the City of London's status as a global centre of finance; and it ended with the anti-poll tax movement – the largest mass movement in UK history – which culminated in a series of town hall riots and a massive battle in Trafalgar Square. In fact the final scenes of *Breaking Free* are weirdly prescient of those crazy months – we can remember standing in Trafalgar Square when a friend charged up to us, shouting “It's just like your fuckin' Tintin book...”

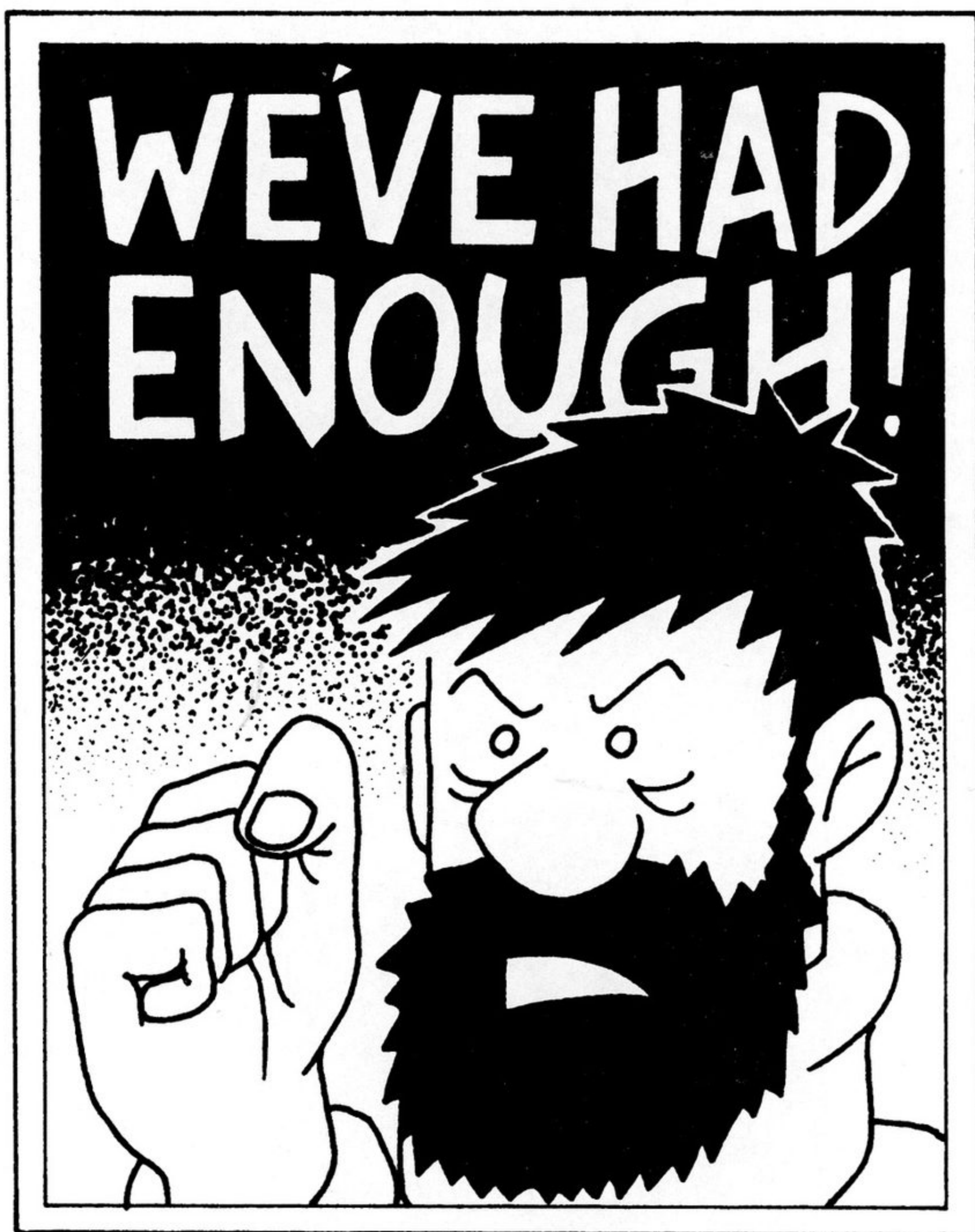
But more than twenty years later, it's amazing how much of the book still makes sense. For all the enormous changes we've lived through, the world is fundamentally the same: the rich get richer, the poor get shafted, and our lives are still dominated by the rule of money. So it's no surprise that the adventures of Tintin and his mates still seem to strike a chord. Constantly reprinted, they've been translated and distributed around the world. And a few of the frames crop up again and again – on leaflets, in fanzines, as avatars. If we'd known back then that the book would survive so long, we might just have spent a little more time on it...

Yes, *Breaking Free* is clumsy, simplistic and a shameless steal from Mike Gilliland's *The Free*. But as Tintin would say, “Lighten up, mate!” If you're looking for a detailed exposition of revolutionary politics or a nuanced critique of advanced capitalism, then you've come to the wrong place. But if you want a gutsy, funny and fast-moving story of how quickly the world can be turned upside down, you can't go far wrong. The contacts page is always changing, but the fundamental theme is as valid as ever: love, class struggle, solidarity and revolution.

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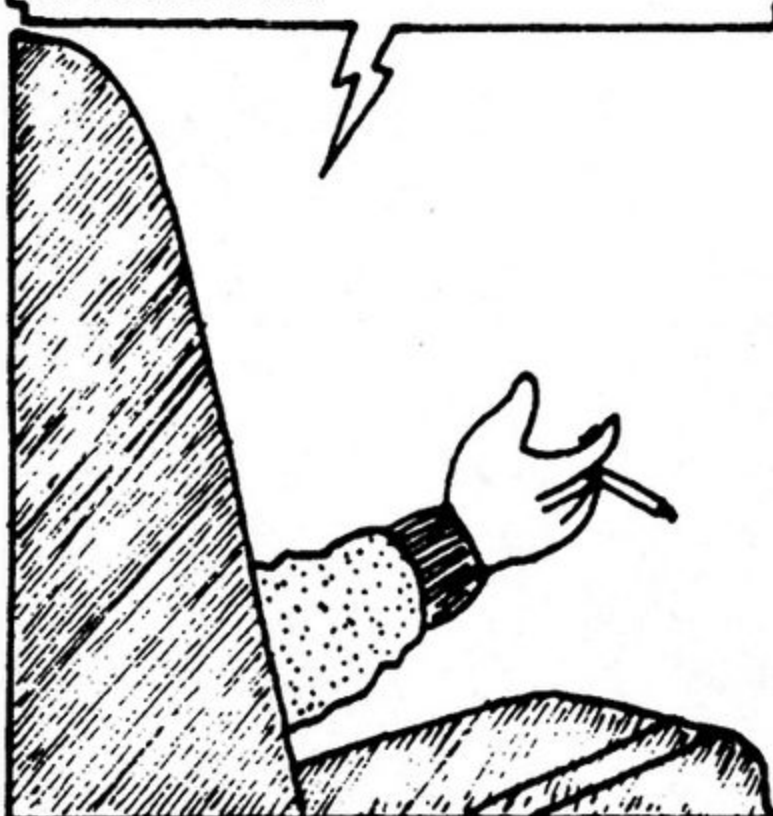
* JTS = Job Training Scheme

YEAH, BUT DON'T BLAME THE POOR SODS WHO WORK ON THE COUNTER...

WELL THAT'S ONLY HALF OF IT...



ME AND JON GOT NICKED SHOPLIFTING LAST WEEK...
... I GOT OFF WITH A CAUTION...



BUT IT WAS JON'S FOURTH TIME HE GOT 3 MONTHS!

GOD, I'M SORRY MATE...



THE THING IS, UNCLE, I NEED SOME MONEY BAD ... ME GIRO'S JUST PEANUTS! ARE THERE ANY JOBS GOING ON THE SIDE AT WORK?

NO PROBLEM, MATE!



I'LL HAVE A WORD WITH THE BOSS TOMORROW... IT'LL BE ODD JOBS - MIXING CEMENT AND CARRYING BRICKS...



HERE'S YOUR TEA...

TA LOVE

ANYWAY, I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T LIKE WORK, TINTIN...



I DON'T WANT TO WORK, MARY, BUT I HAVE TO ... CHRIST, I DON'T KNOW ANYBODY WHO WORKS FOR THE FUN OF IT...

THAT'S TRUE!



WELL JUST YOU WATCH YOURSELF ON THAT SITE - NONE OF THOSE BOSSES AT LONGS GIVE A TOSS ABOUT SAFETY...



DON'T YOU WORRY, MARY... IF I SURVIVED A FEW MONTHS OF JTS* I CAN SURVIVE ANYTHING!





AND SO, NEXT TUESDAY...

YOU MEAN THE UNION SACKED YOU FOR CALLING A STRIKE?!

WELL, NOT EXACTLY 'SACKED'...



THEY SHUNTED ME OFF TO A COLLEGE FOR TRAINEE UNION OFFICIALS - IT WAS USELESS! FULL OF POT-BELLIED BUREAUCRATS!



SO I LEFT... BUT MEANWHILE THE UNION HAD MADE DAMN SURE I'D NEVER WORK IN THE TRADE AGAIN!



STITCHED UP IN THE NAME OF 'GOOD INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS'!

YEAH, MOST OF THESE UNION BLOKES ARE JUST COPS IN FLAT CAPS!



THEY DON'T KNOW THEIR ARSE FROM THEIR ELBOW WHEN IT COMES DOWN TO ACTUALLY WORKING...

HARK WHO'S TALKING, YOU IDLE BUGGER!



I MEAN, WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU DID A DAY'S WORK, EH?



I TELL YOU, YOU'RE GONNA GET A BLOODY SHOCK ON MONDAY MORNING!...

WHAT AM I BUILDING ANYWAY!?

...KNOWING YOU, YOU WON'T BE BUILDING SOD ALL, LAD...



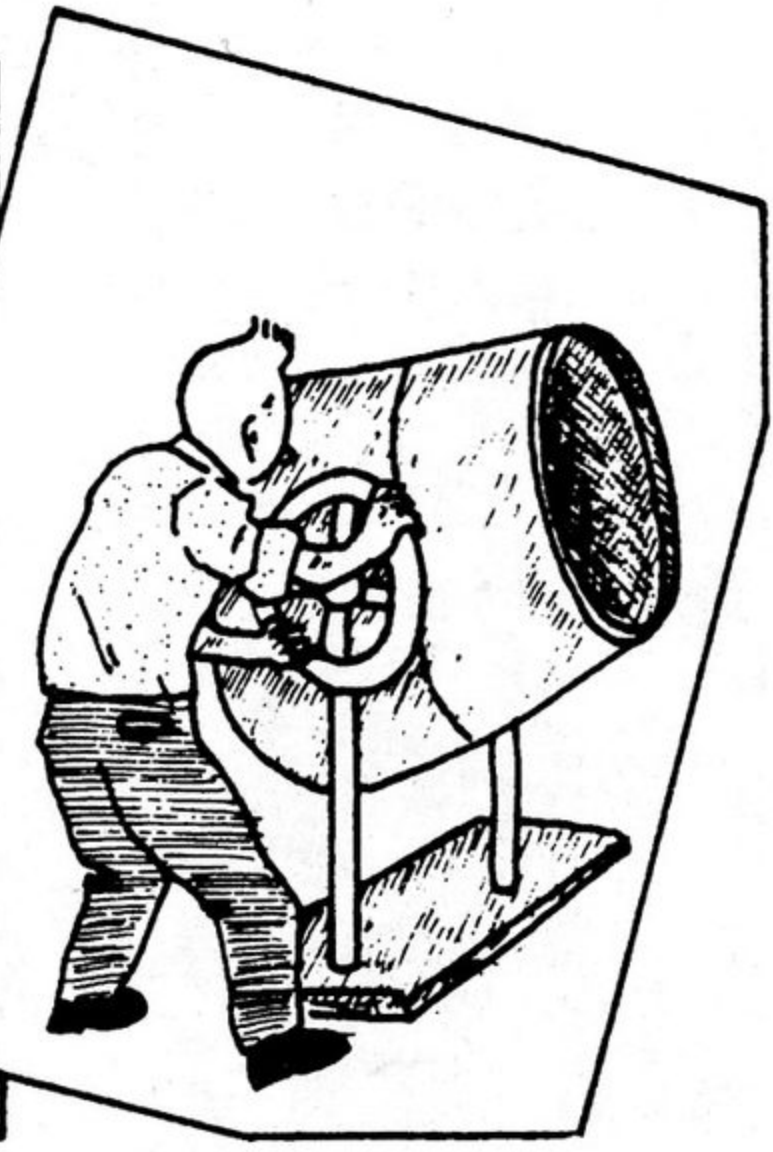
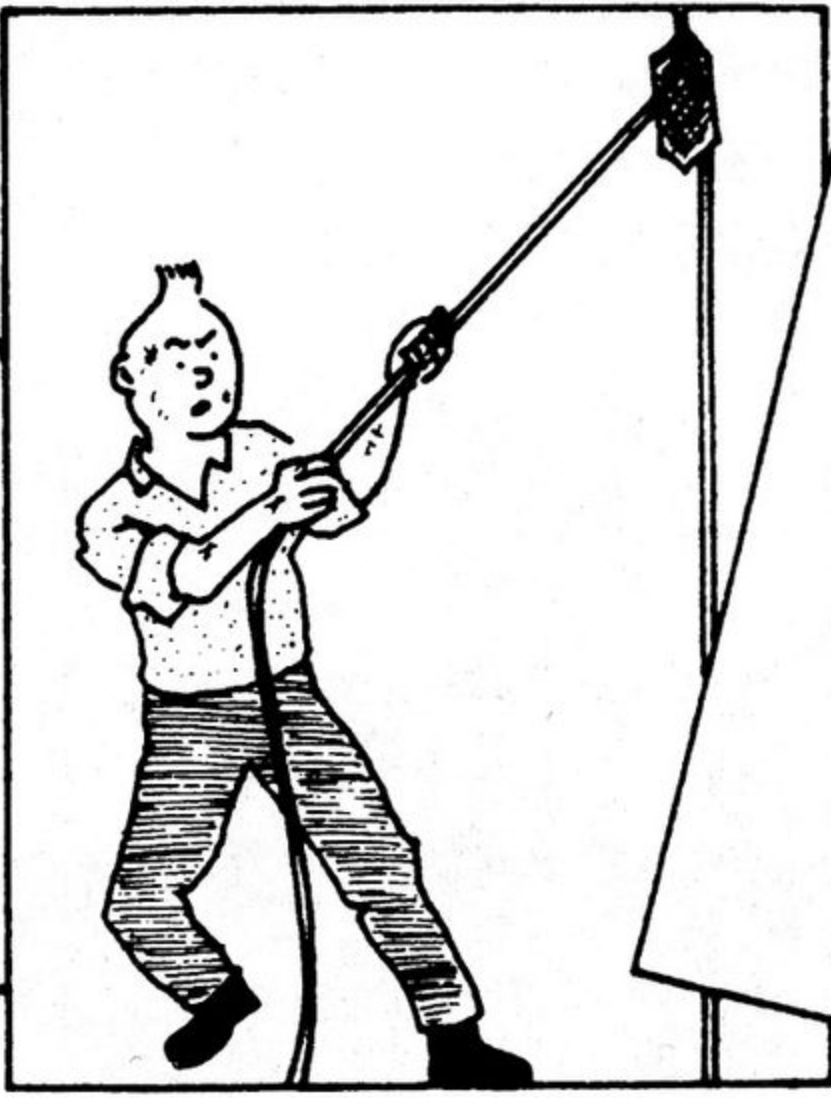
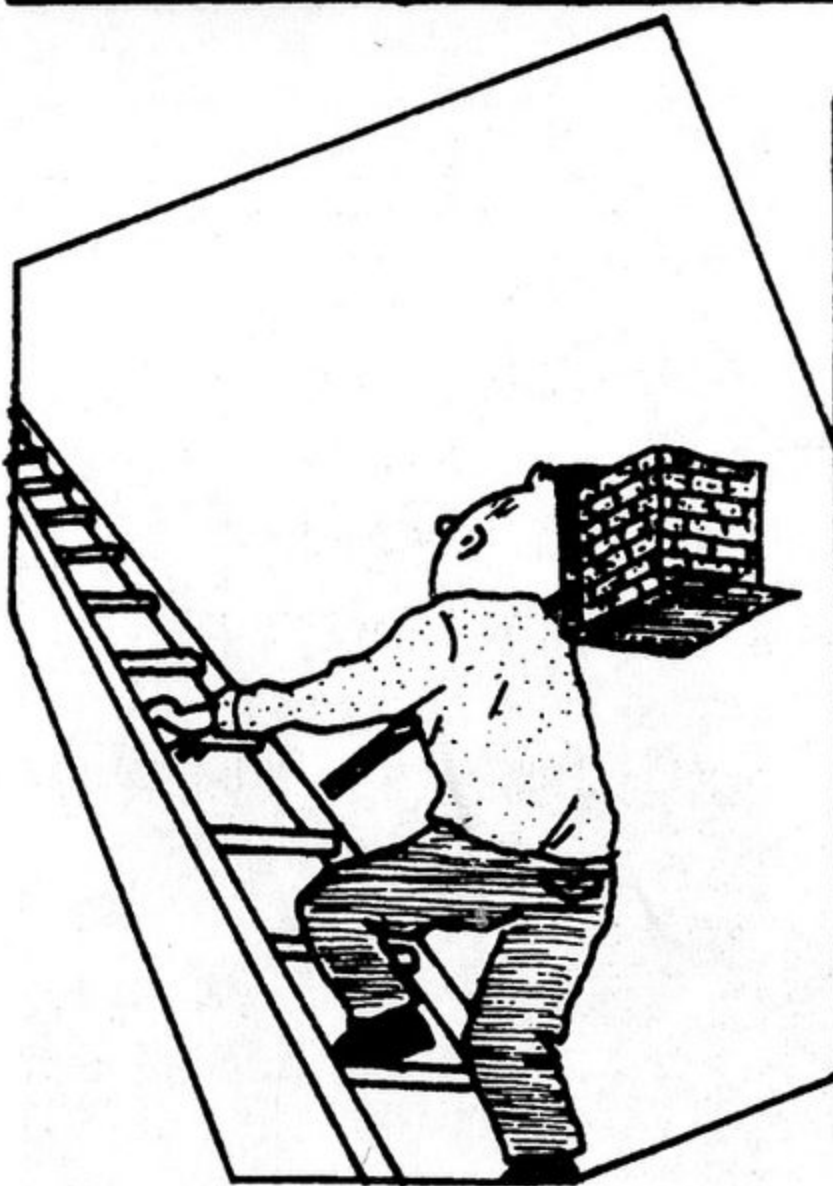
IT'S LUXURY FLATS - THAT'S WHAT THEY'RE BUILDING!

... IT'S ABOUT THE ONLY WORK ABOUT THESE DAYS



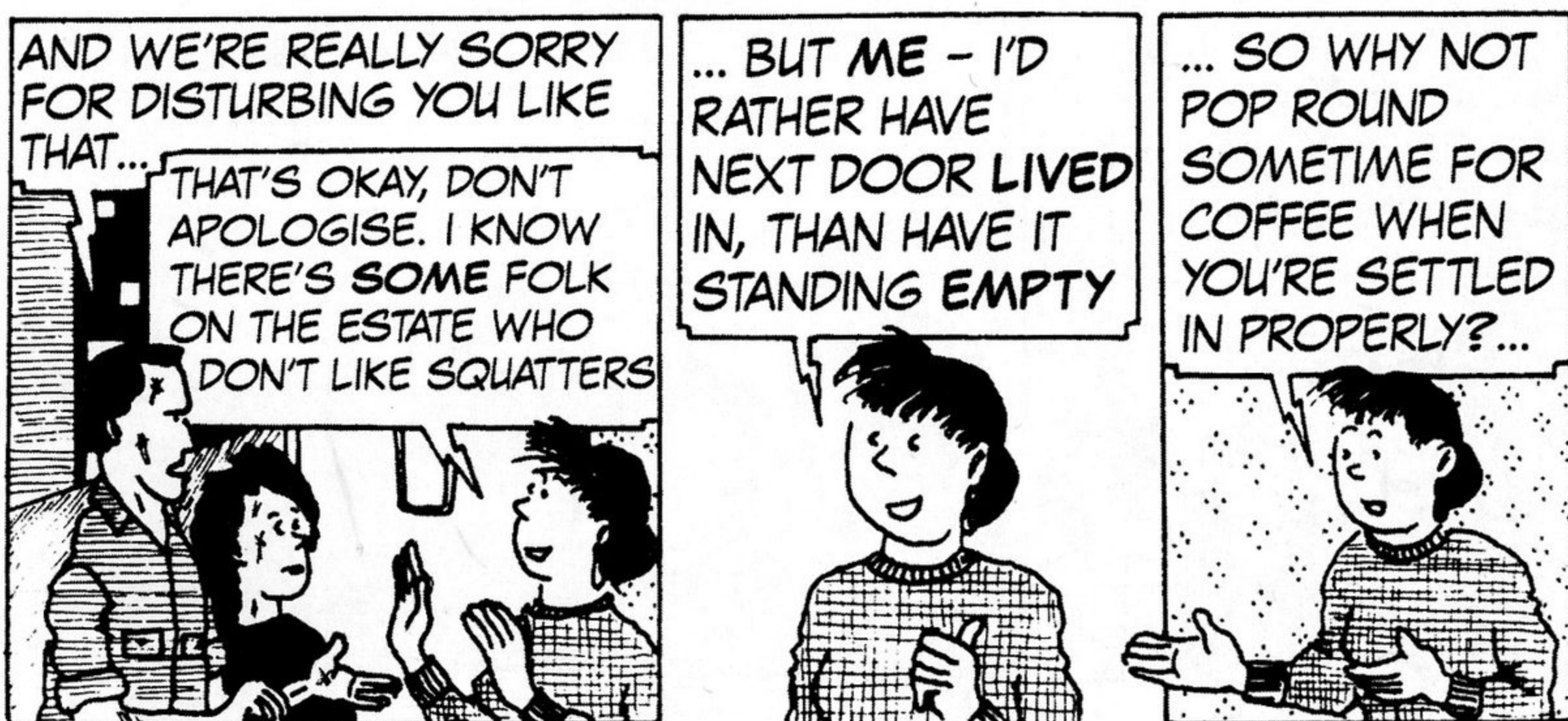
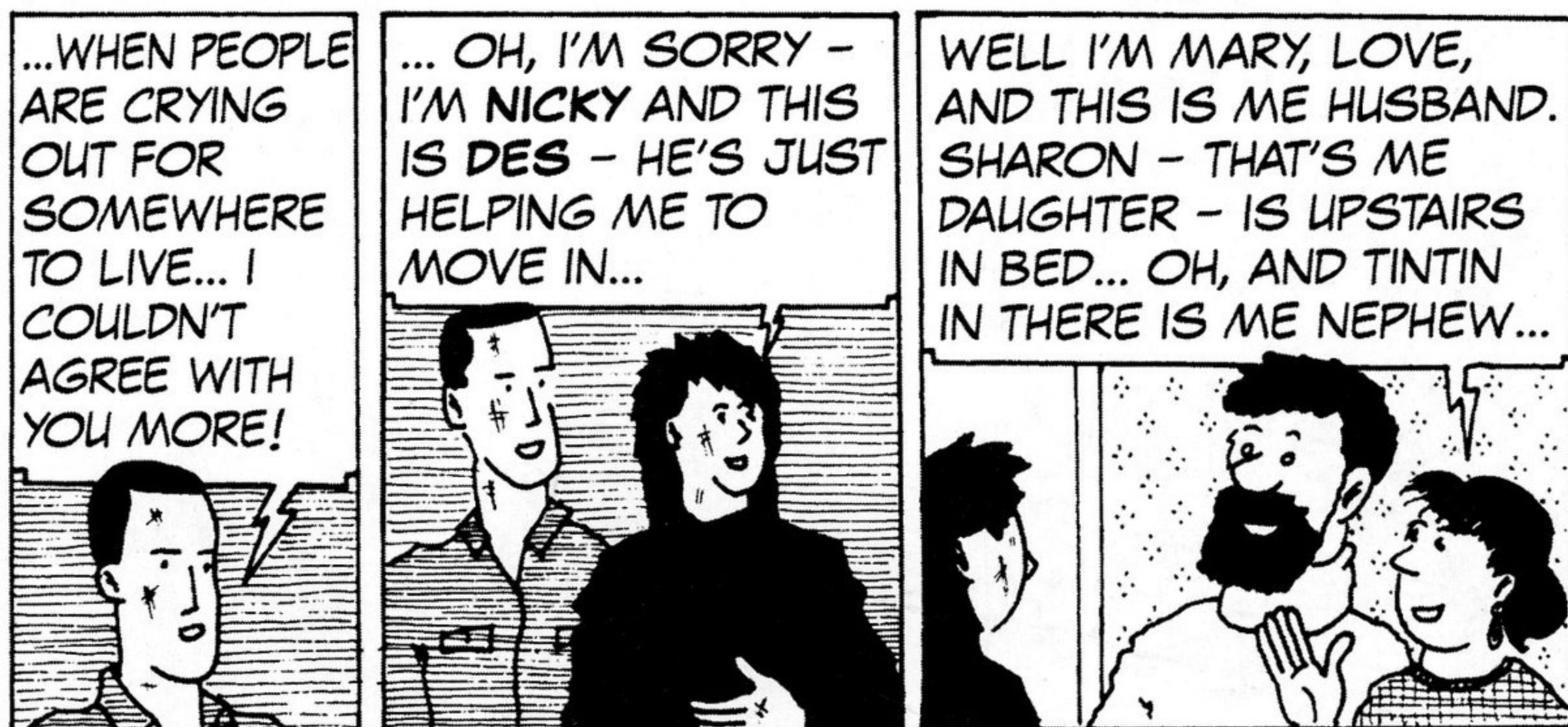
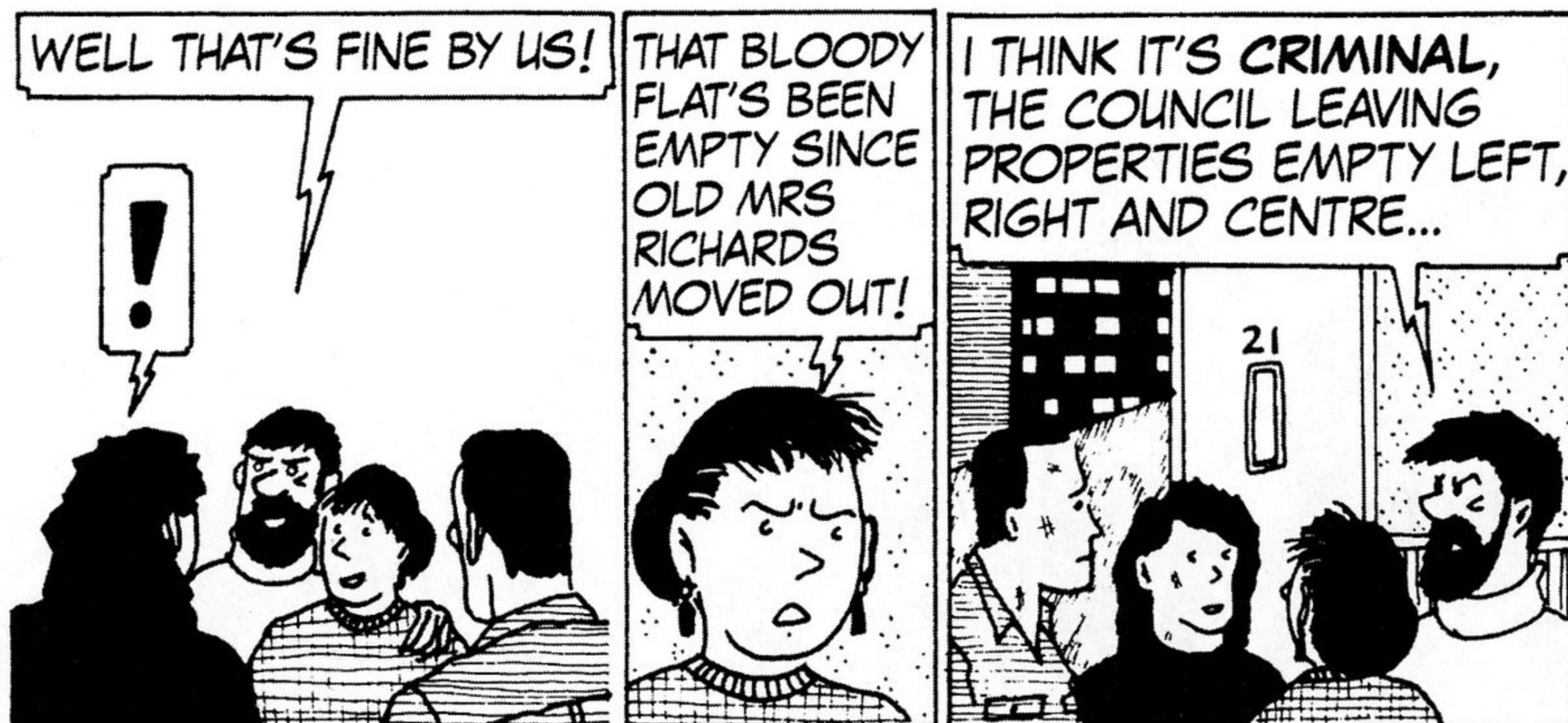
AYE, THAT AND BUILDING PRISONS AND COP-SHOPS!

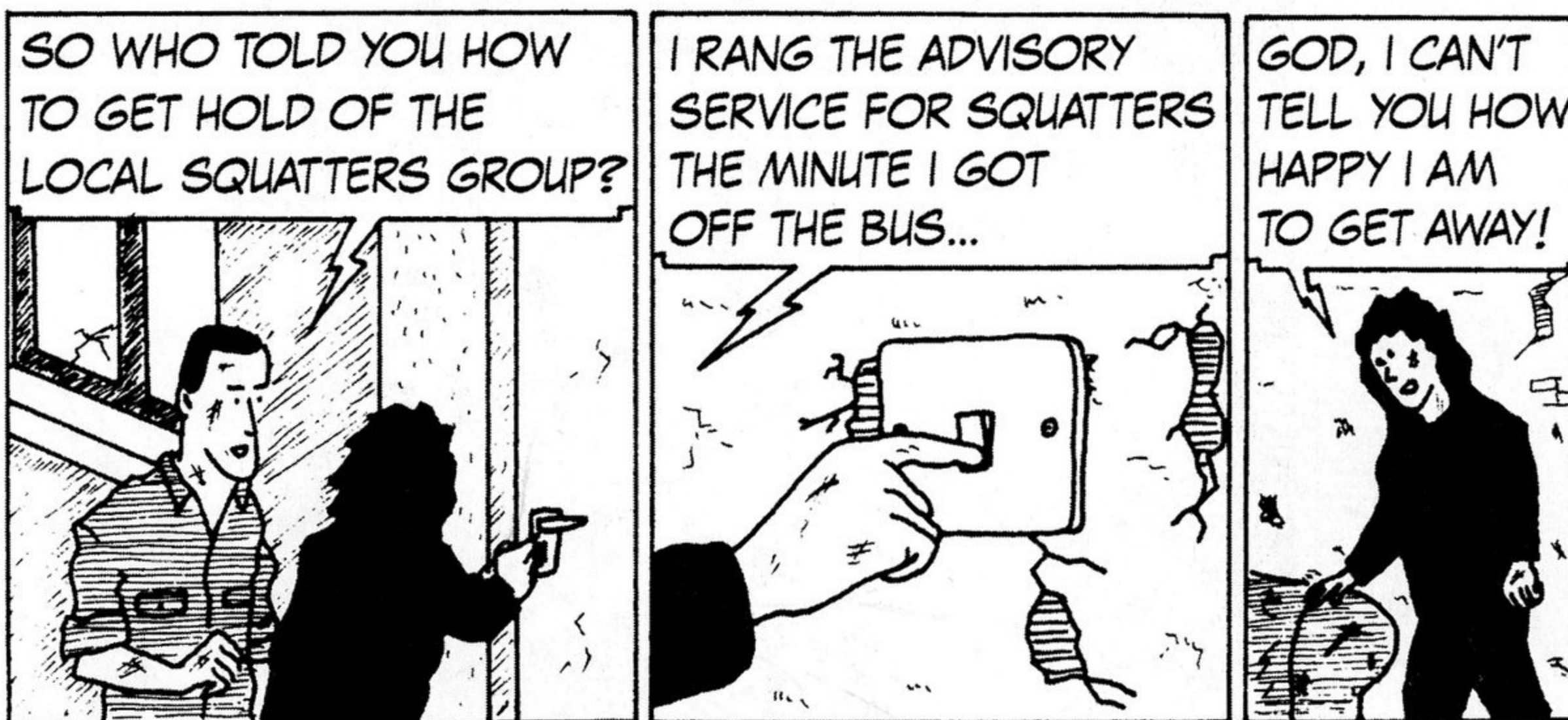
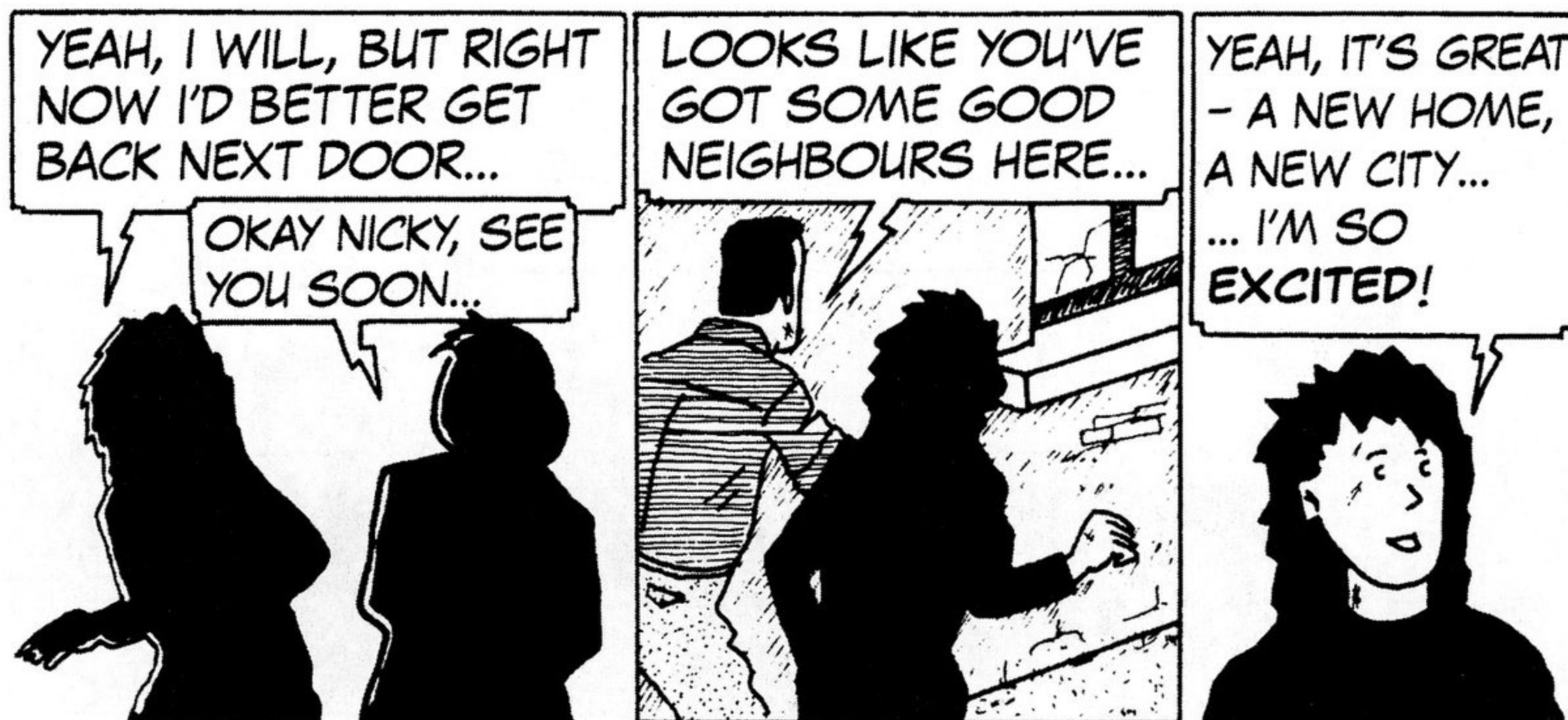












WHAT?! THE KETTLE EXPLODED?!



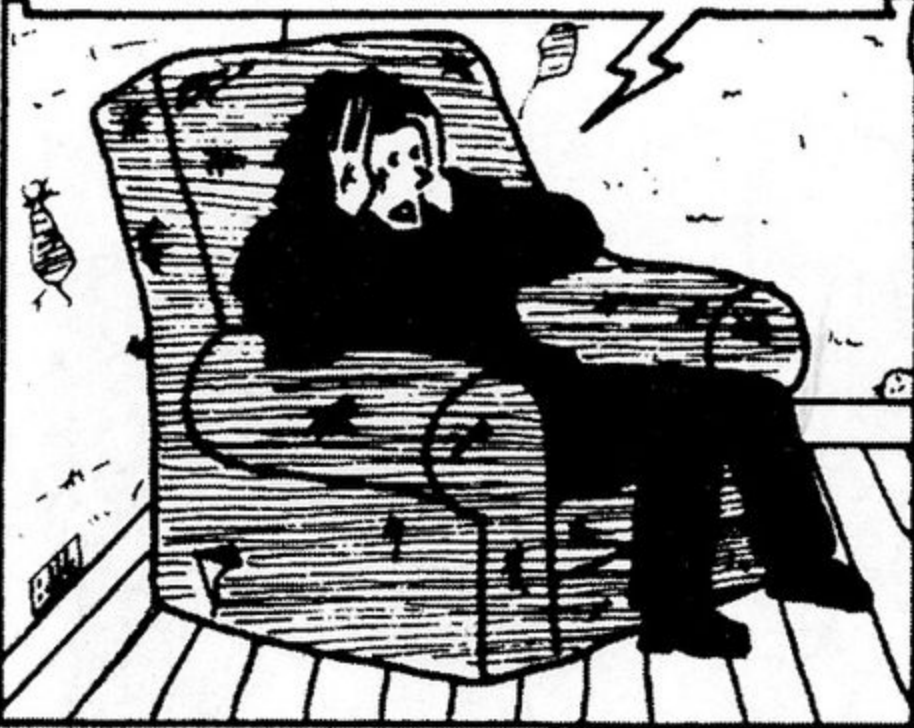
NO - DON'T BE DAFT! I'M TALKING ABOUT WHY I HAD TO LEAVE HOME...



YOU SEE, MY PARENTS REFUSE TO ACCEPT THAT I'M... THAT I'M A LESBIAN...



GOD, IT WAS AWFUL! I WAS LIVING A DOUBLE LIFE IN THAT TOWN...



HASSLED AT WORK BY ALL THOSE OFFICE CREEPS...



... AND THEN I'D GET HOME AND BE HASSLED BY MY PARENTS TO FIND A NICE BOYFRIEND!



IT WAS A REAL RELIEF TO RING GAY SWITCHBOARD AND HEAR SOMEONE SAY I WASN'T MAD OR 'UNNATURAL'!



AND SO IT ALL CAME OUT LAST WEEK CAN'T YOU SEE? I DON'T LIKE MEN... I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP WITH MEN...

NICOLA! WHAT... WHY? ... WHAT ABOUT AIDS?

WHERE DID WE GO WRONG...?



MY MUM JUST COULDN'T SEE IT... I MEAN, AS A LESBIAN, I'VE GOT ABOUT AS MUCH CHANCE OF CATCHING AIDS AS THE POPE!



YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT - IT'S PROBABLY THE SAFEST SORT OF SEX...

AND DEFINITELY THE NICEST!



... AND IF ANYTHING'S 'UNNATURAL' IT'S GOT TO BE THE PERSECUTION I GET FROM STRAIGHTS...



A FEW WEEKS LATER...

THIS PLACE IS A BLOODY TIP... LOOK AT IT!



THE COUNCIL HAVEN'T CLEANED UP ROUND HERE FOR AGES...



WHAT THE HELL DO WE PAY OUR RATES FOR?!



WHAT WAS IT LAST YEAR... £600? FOR SWEET FANNY ADAMS!

NO, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IT'S FOR... FOR THEIR LUNCHES...



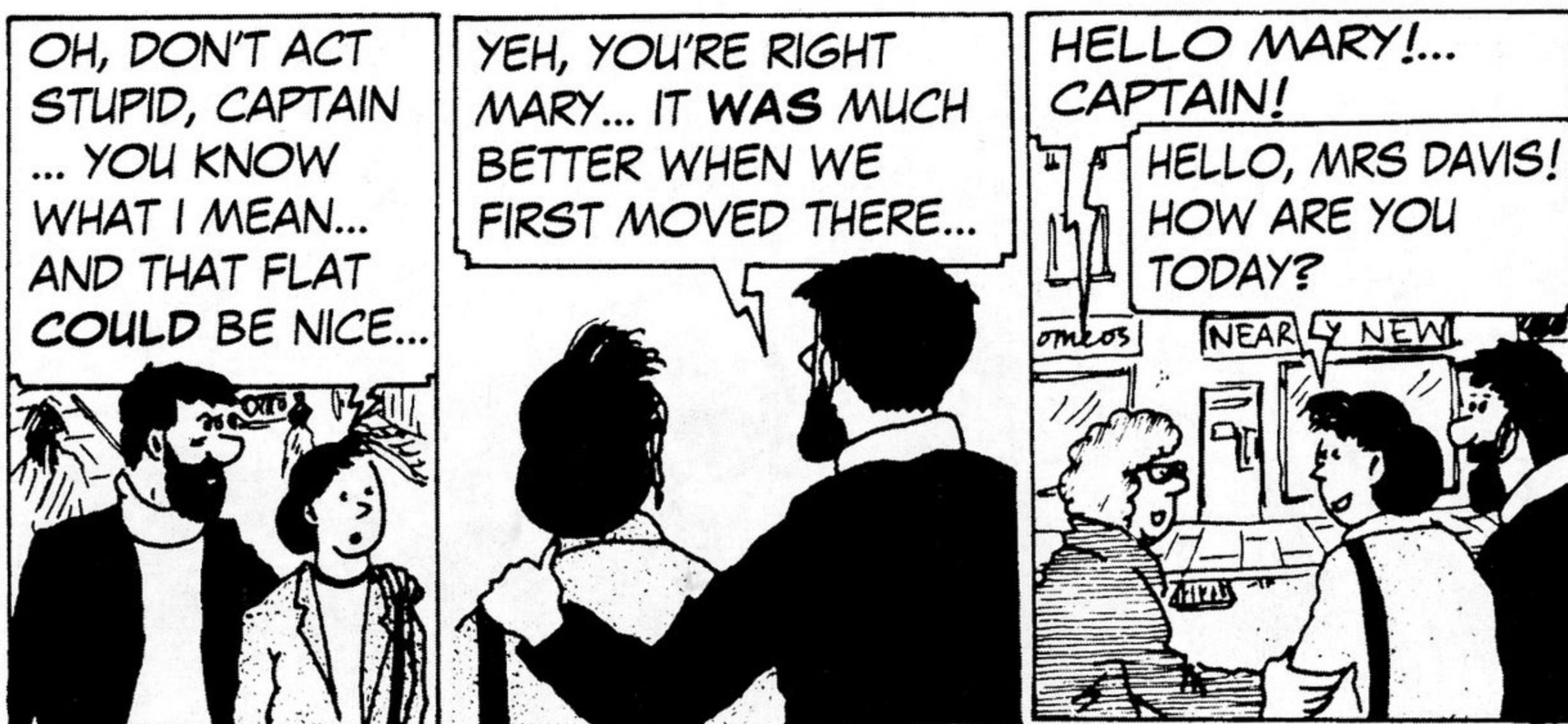
... AND ALL THE BACKHANDERS!



THAT COUNCILLOR RYAN GOT OFF SCOT FREE, DIDN'T HE?







THIS POSH TYPE, HE JUST PUSHED RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME... YOU KNOW THE SORT, ALL CREDIT CARDS AND NO MANNERS...



SO I SENT HIM OFF WITH A FLEA IN HIS EAR...

WHAT DID YOU SAY?



I JUST TOLD HIM TO SOD OFF... THEY MAKE ME SO CROSS!



THEY COME HERE WITH THEIR MONEY, TAKING OVER OUR AREA...



... BUILDING THEIR POSH OFFICES AND ALL THEIR LUXURY FLATS...



... AND ROARING AROUND IN THEIR FLASH CARS AT ALL HOURS!



... YEAH, I WISH THEY'D ALL SOD OFF AND LEAVE US ALONE...



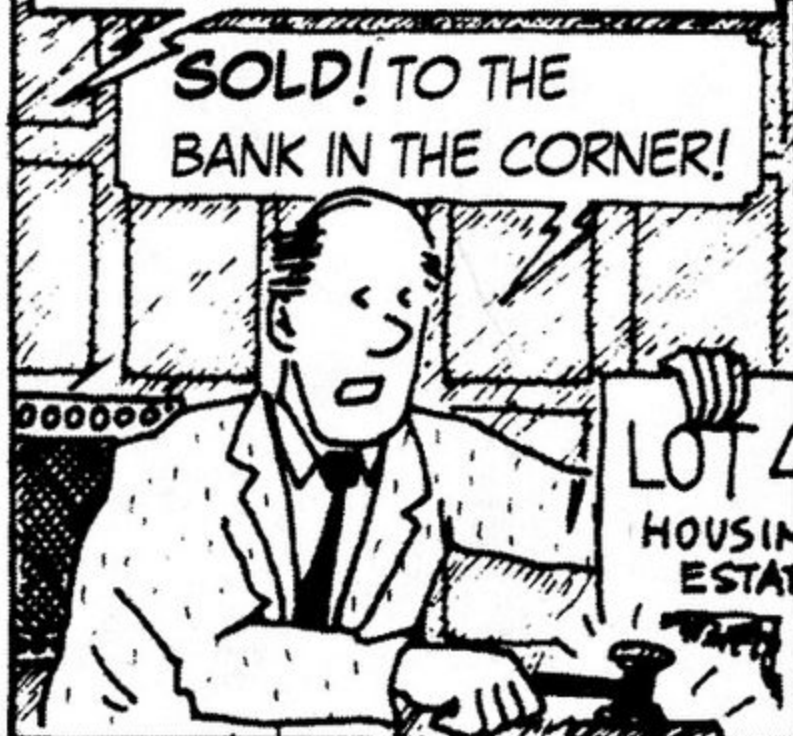
SOME HOPE!- THEY'RE HERE TO STAY... FACE FACTS, IT'S US WHO ARE GONNA GET THE BOOT...



THAT'S WHY THE COUNCIL IS RUNNING DOWN OUR ESTATE...



... BECAUSE THEY'RE PLANNING TO SELL IT OFF TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER!



WELL I KNOW I HAVEN'T GOT MANY MORE DAYS LEFT IN ME...



DON'T TALK SOFT, MRS DAVIS!

... BUT WHY SHOULD WE TAKE ALL THIS LYING DOWN? ... WHY CAN'T IT BE US THAT'S GETS RID OF THEM?



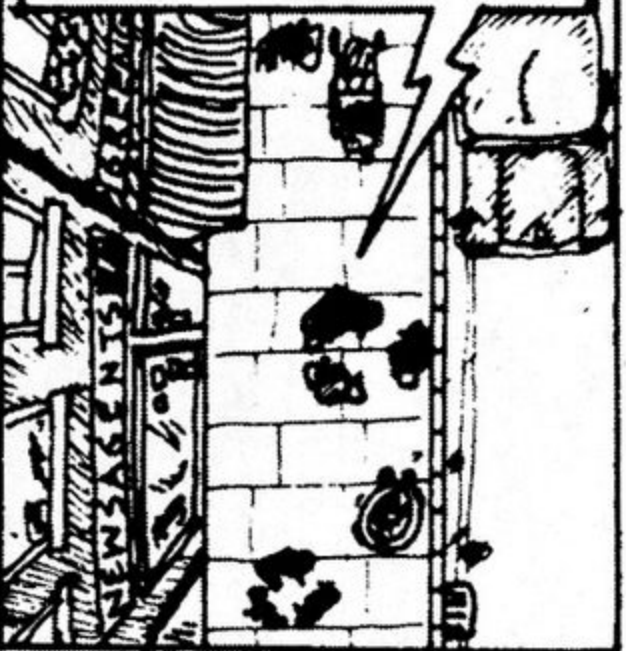
I MEAN, IT'S OUR AREA... WE SHOULD JUST KICK THEM OUT!



YOU'RE DEAD RIGHT, BUT HOW? ALL THESE SNOBBY GITS WHO'VE JUST MOVED IN ARE ONLY THE TIP OF THE ICEBERG...



... THERE'S THE BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPERS, THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNMENT...



AT LEAST WE CAN TRY... MR ROGERS FROM NUMBER 9 SAID THAT THE TENANTS ASSOCIATION MIGHT JOIN THAT NEW COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP...



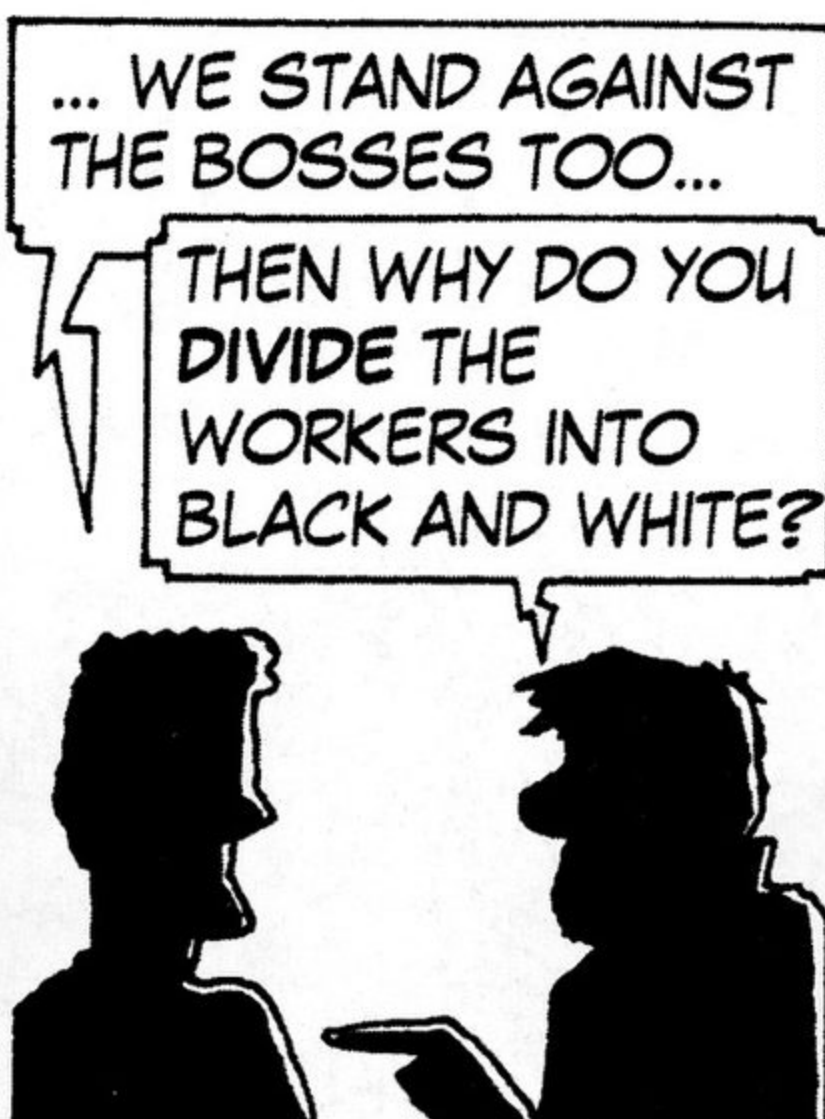
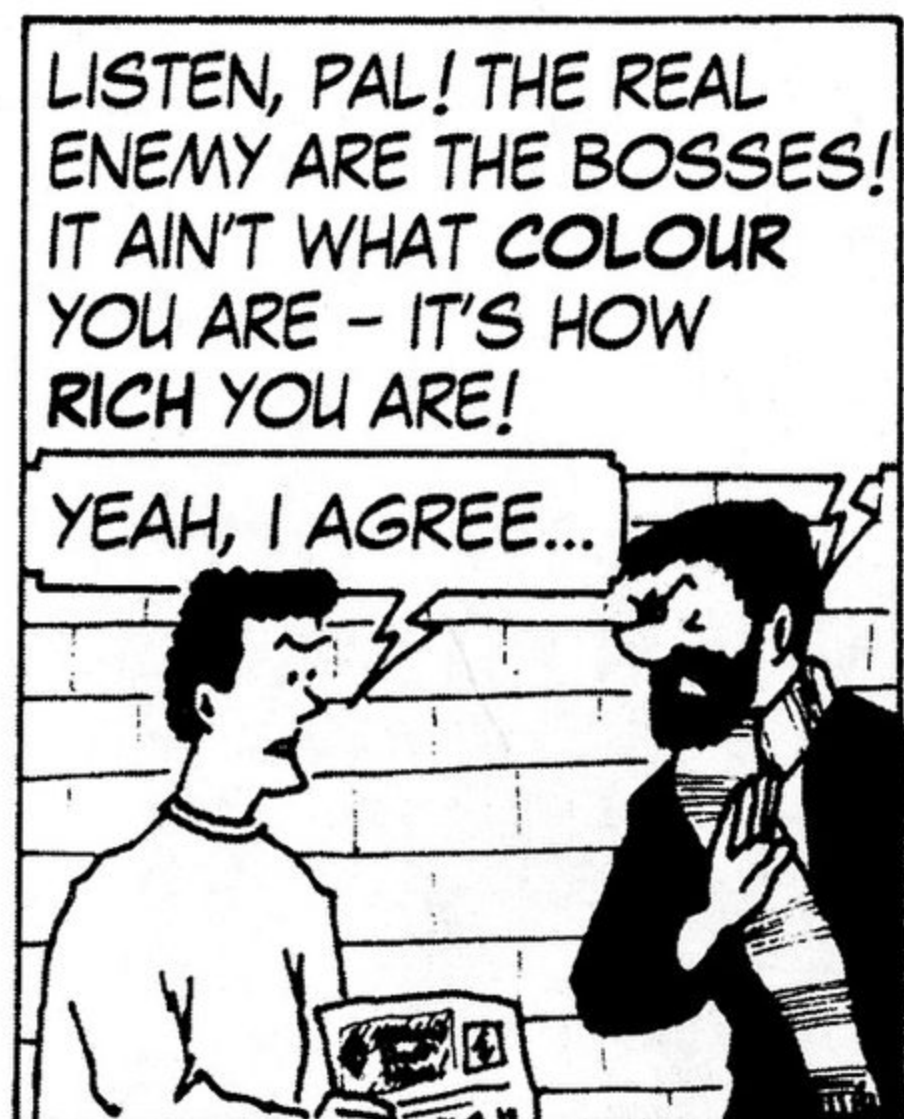
OH GOD, LOOK AT THE TIME... IF YOU'RE STILL GOING TO THE MATCH WE'D BETTER GET A MOVE ON, CAPTAIN...

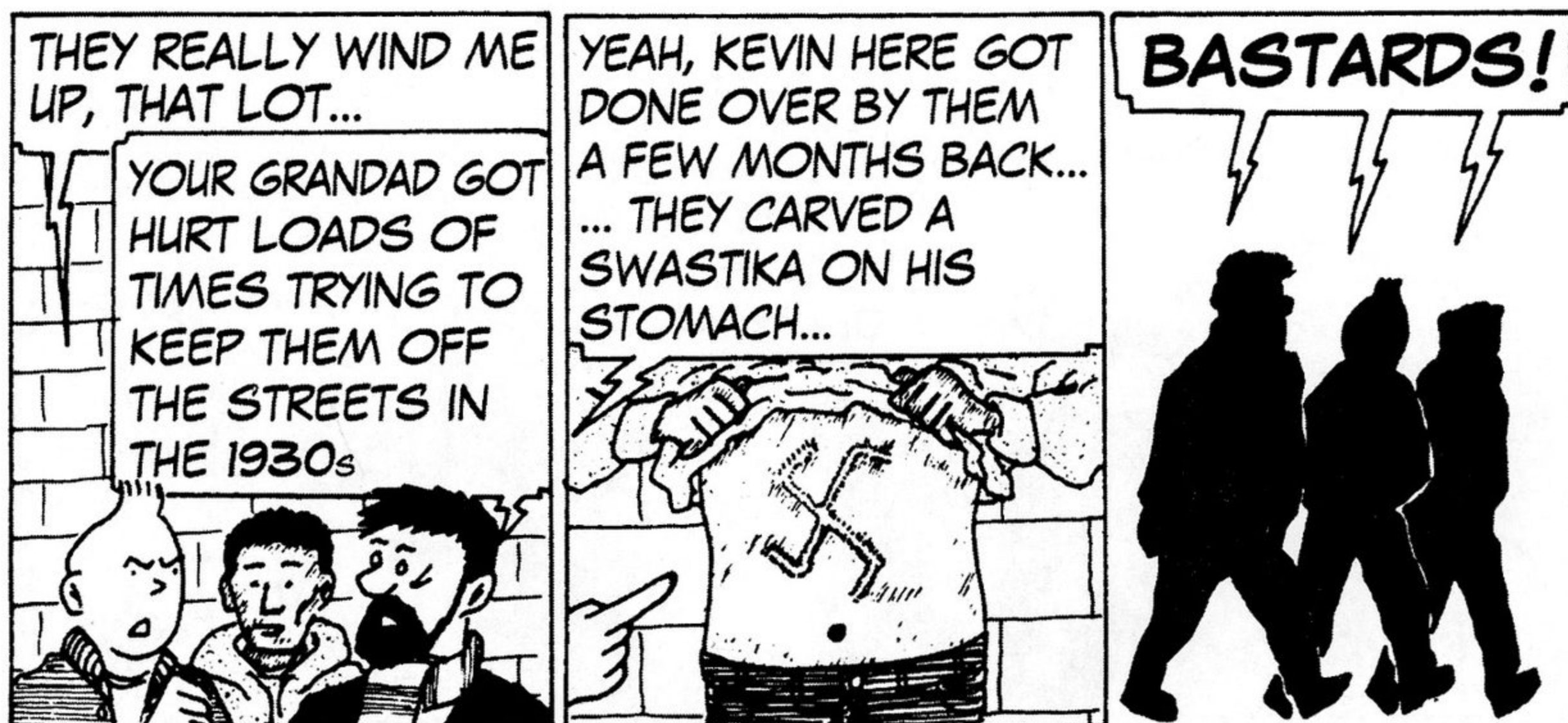


DON'T WORRY, LOVE, YOU'LL BE IN AND OUT OF THE SHOPS IN NO TIME...









NAH, C'MON KEV...
IT'LL BE A GOOD
CRACK! ... YOU NEVER
KNOW, THERE COULD
BE SOME DECENT
DIPPING TO BE DONE!

WELL MOVE IT THEN!
... WE'RE WASTING
DRINKING TIME!

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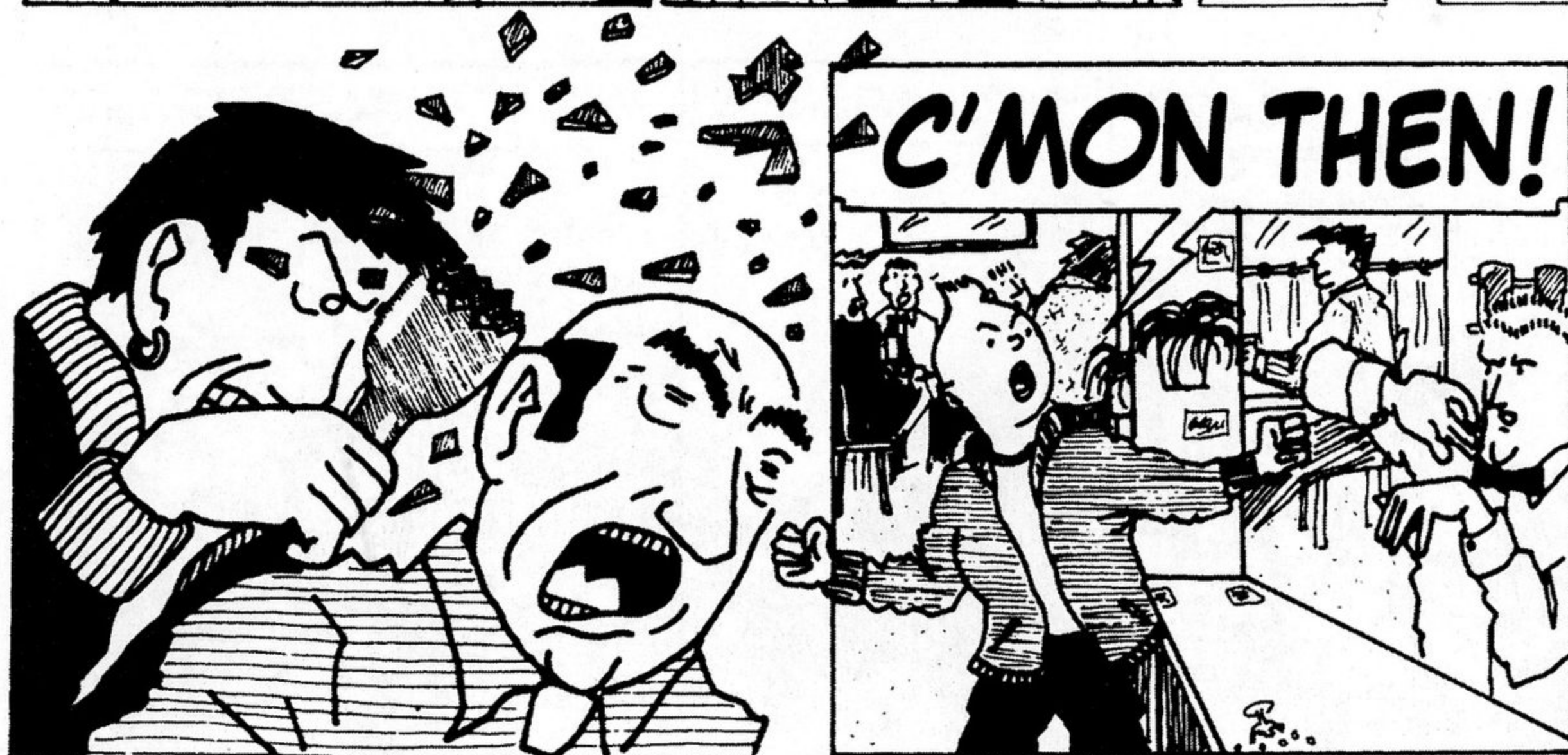
I'LL GET 'EM IN...
... THREE PINTS
OF LIGHT AND
BITTER, MATE...

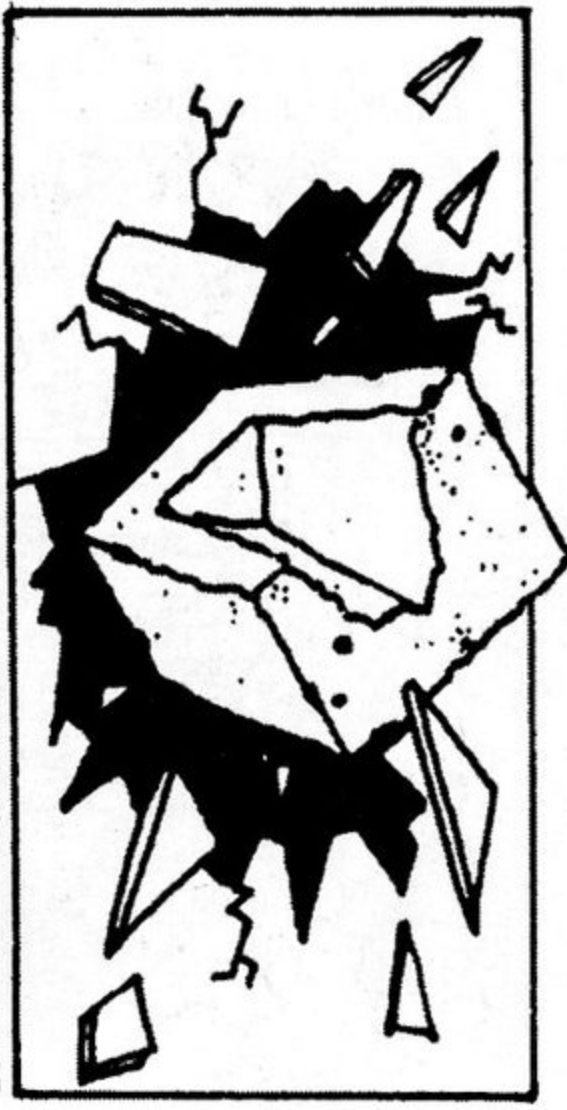
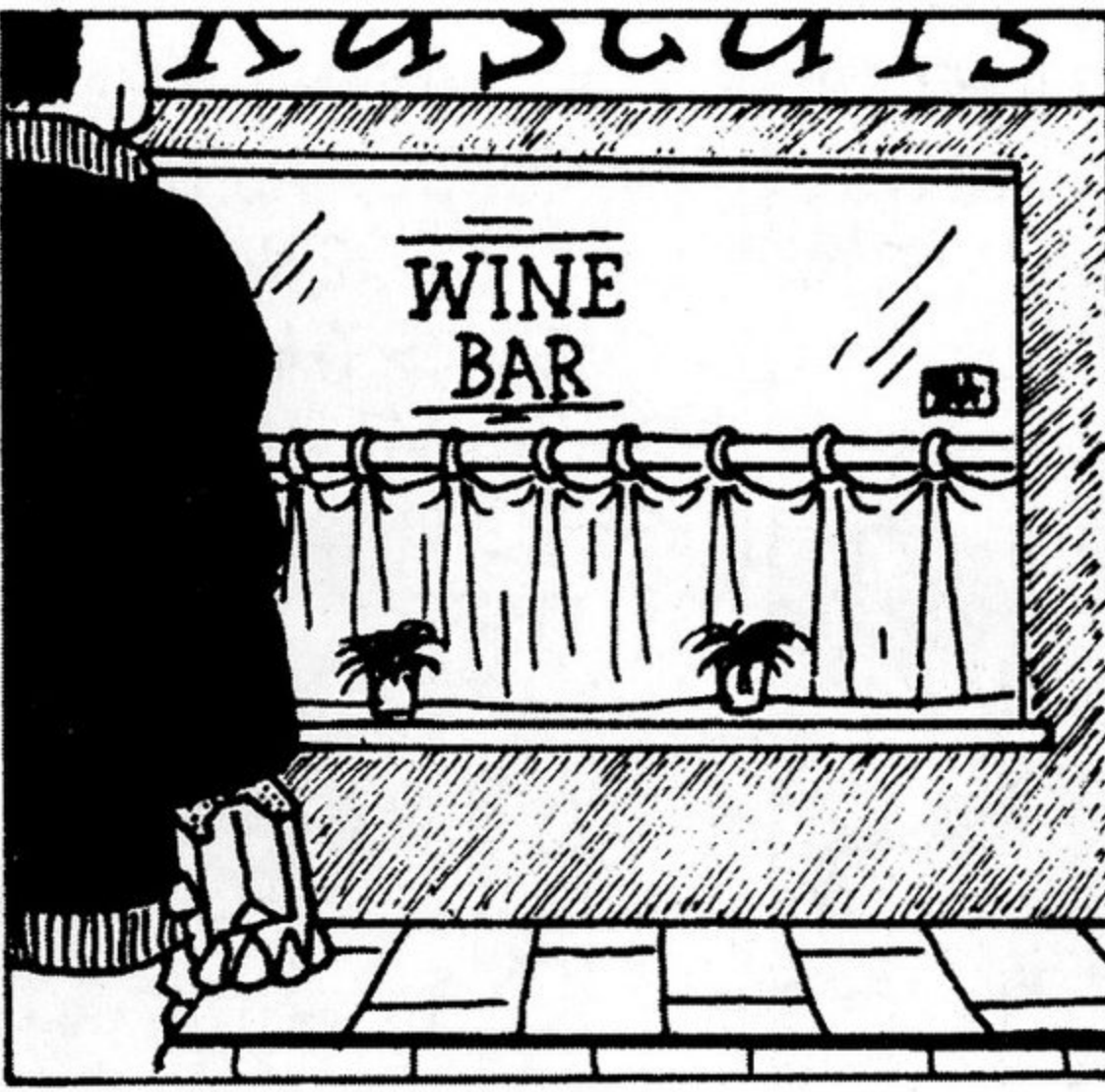
I'M SORRY, SIR
... WE DON'T
SELL BEER...

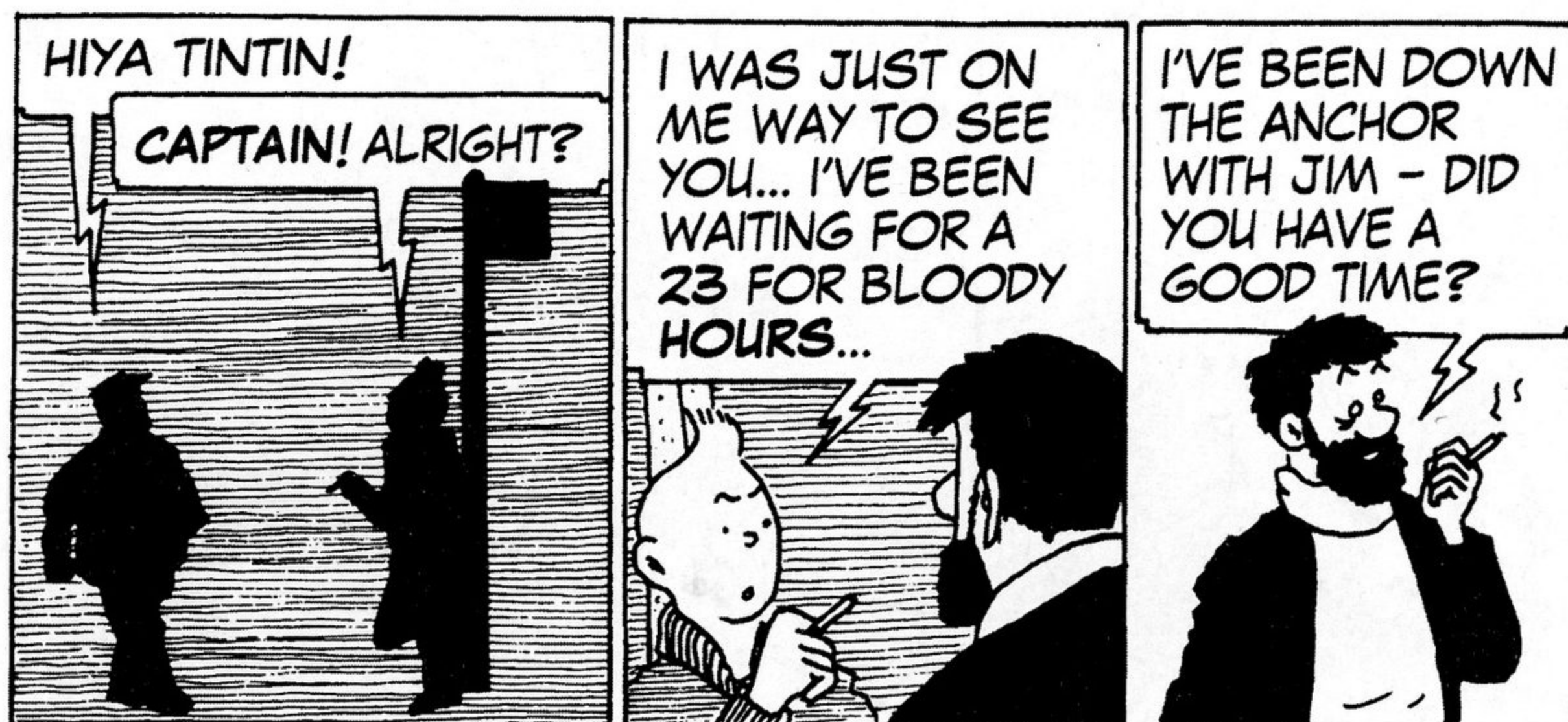
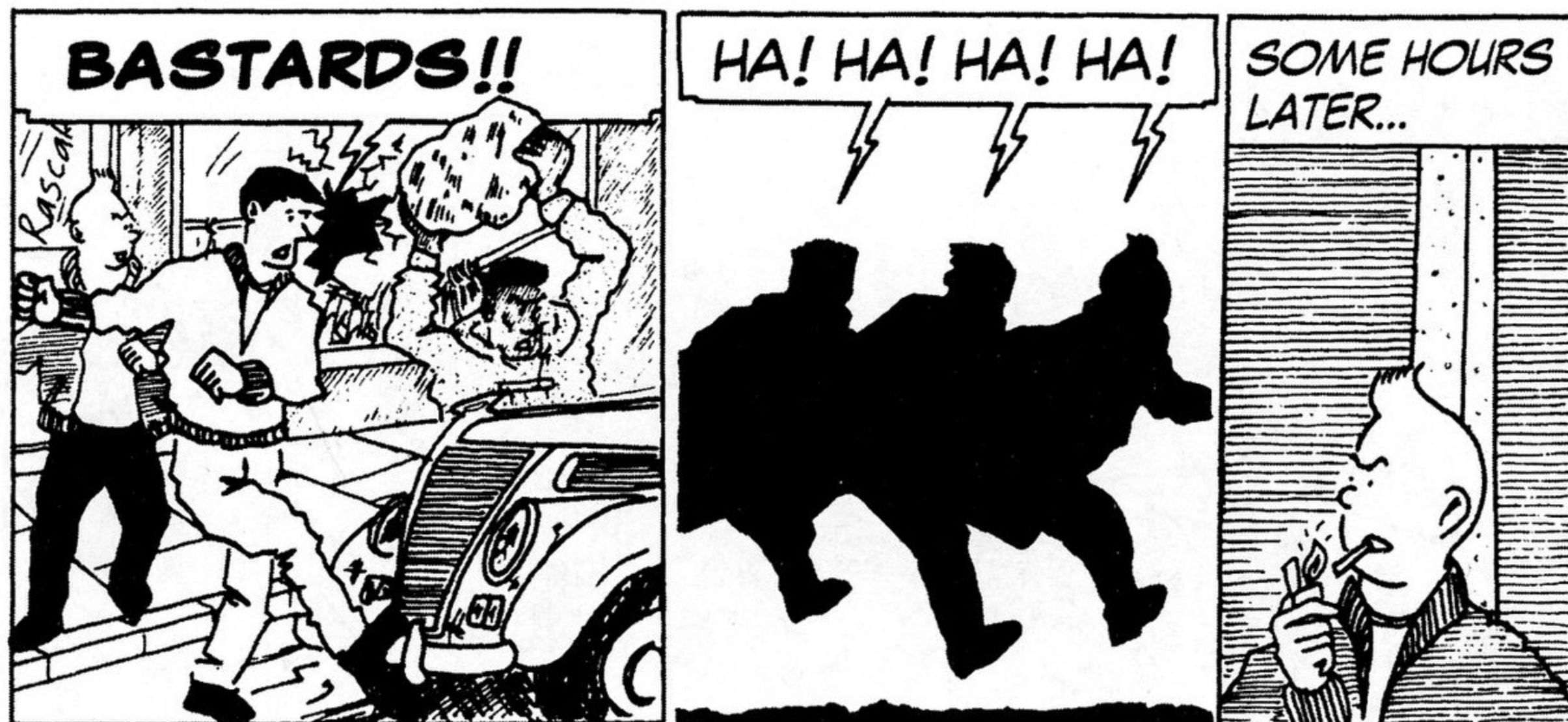
ALRIGHT, MAKE
IT THREE PINTS
OF LAGER THEN...

NO LAGER...

WHAT DO YOU SELL THEN?
EH? PONCY, OVERPRICED
WINE? WELL I'LL HAVE
SOME OF THAT...











... WHAT DID YOUR LAST SLAVE DIE OF, EH?... YOU KNOW WHERE THE KETTLE IS...



I'LL HAVE A BLACK COFFEE, AND NICKY HAS MILK AND TWO SUGARS...



AW, BUT I'VE JUST COME BACK FROM WORK...



EH?!

WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK I DO ALL DAY?... **THROW PARTIES...?! I'VE BEEN CLEANING UP YOUR MESS... AND YOU DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE!**



QUIT BICKERING YOU TWO... I'LL MAKE THE DRINKS, OKAY? TEA?... COFFEE?



I BET YOU PUT HER UP TO THIS, NICKY...



NOW HANG ON...

I CAN THINK FOR MYSELF, TINTIN! I DON'T NEED ANYBODY TO PUT ME UP TO ANYTHING

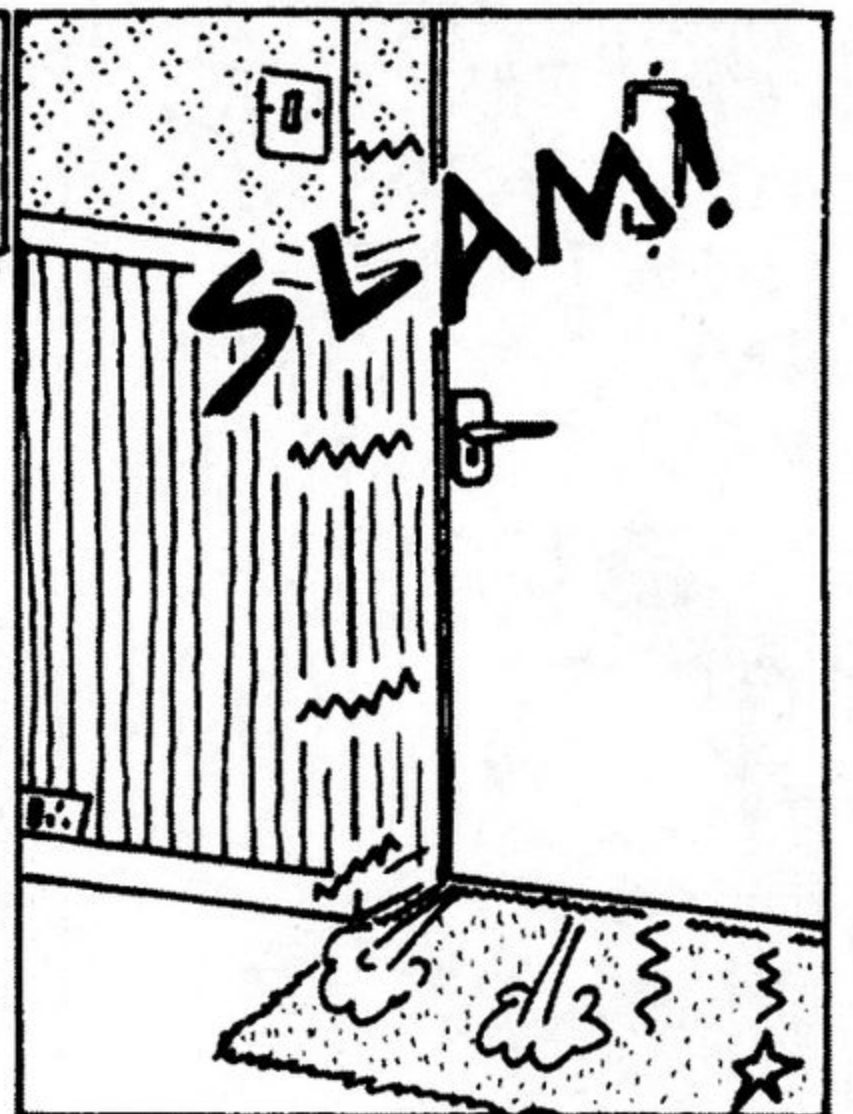
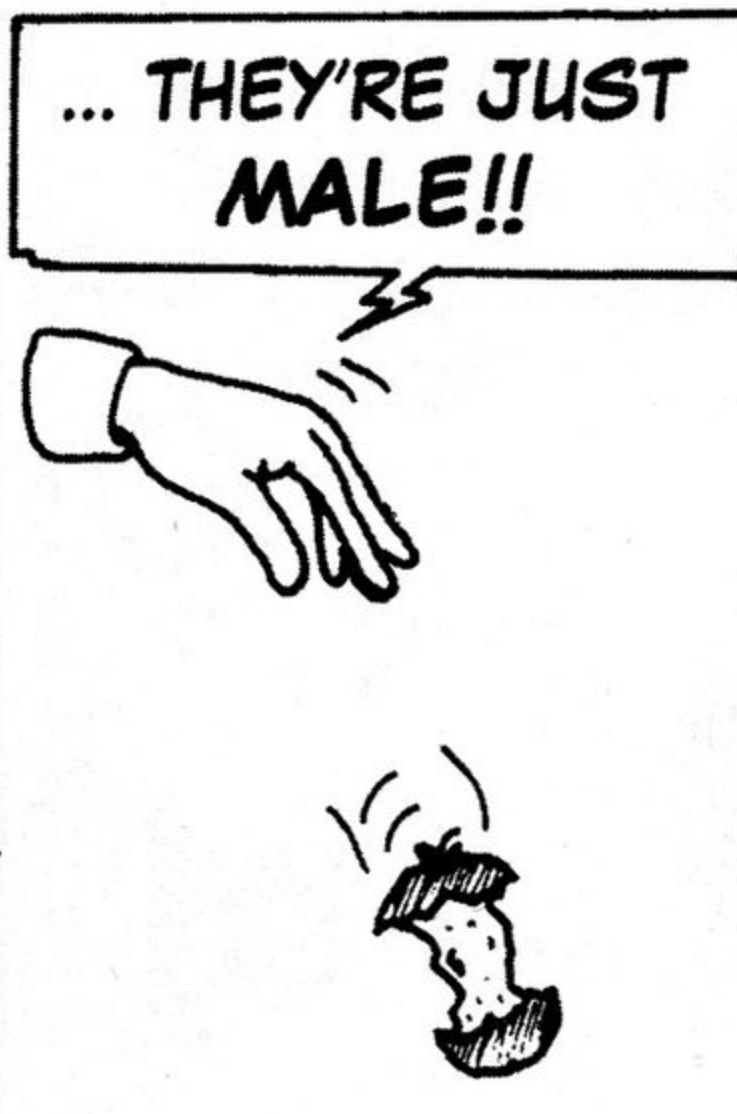
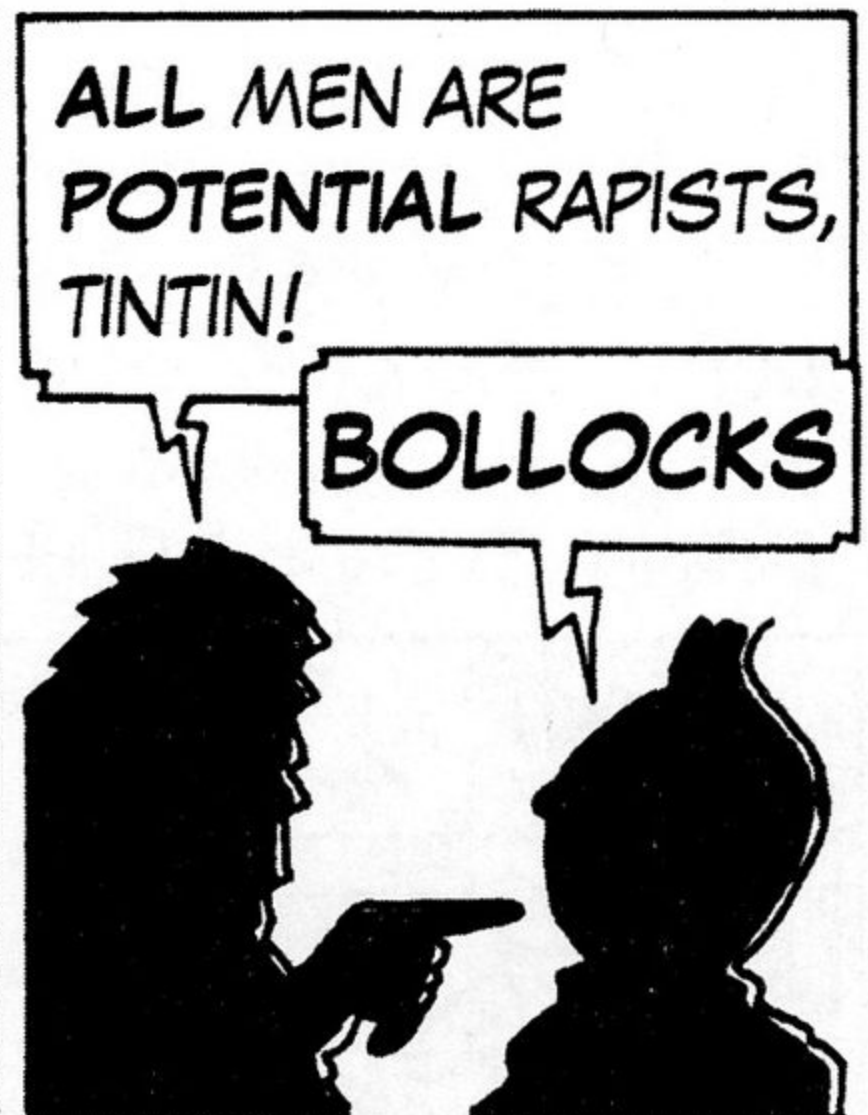
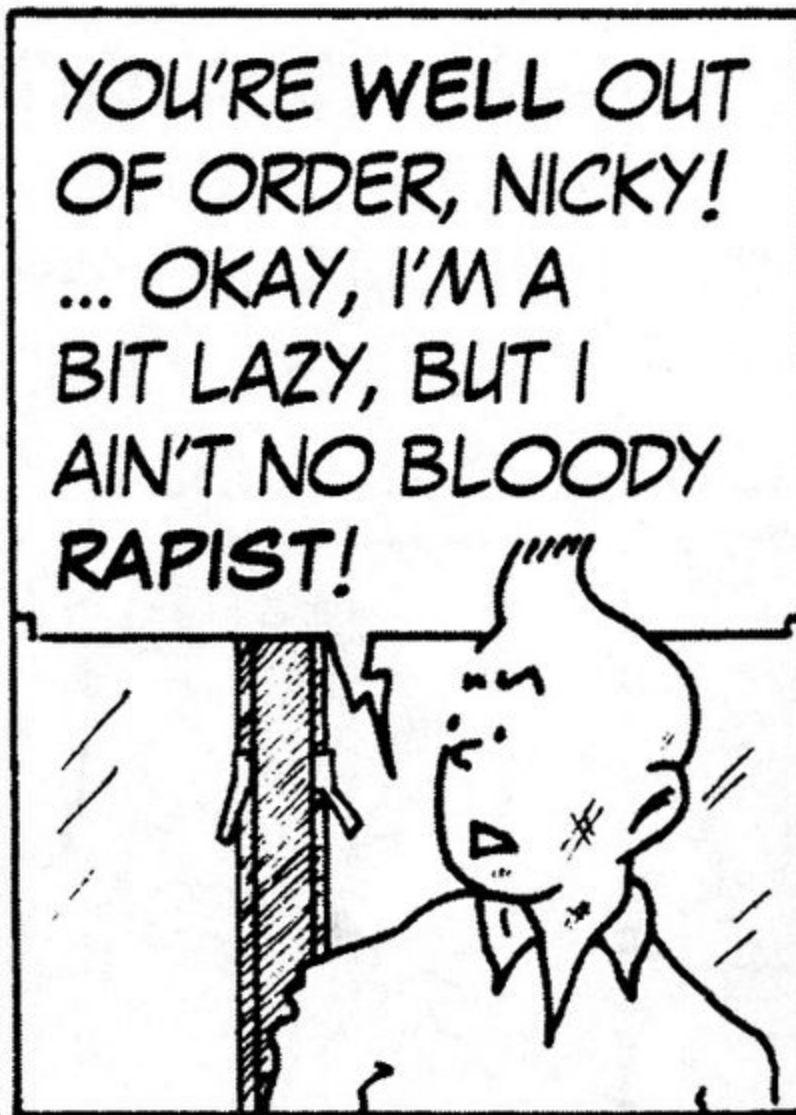


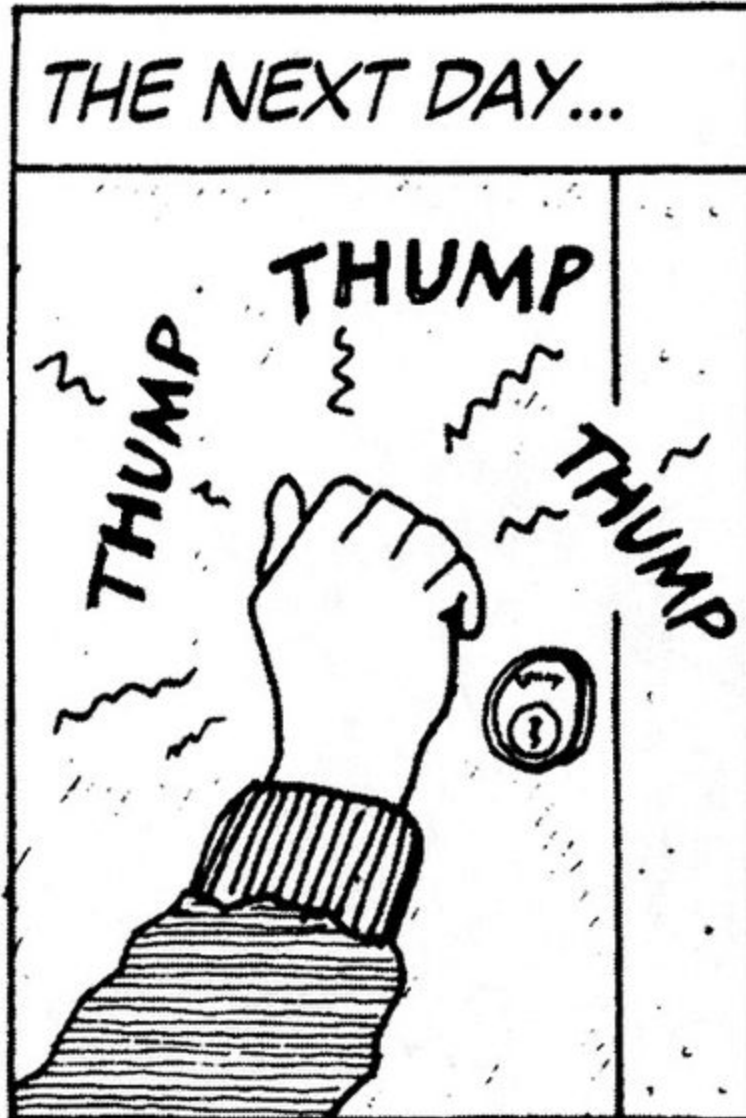
... I MEAN IT'S ALL THIS WOMEN'S LIBERATION STUFF... IT'S CRAP!!

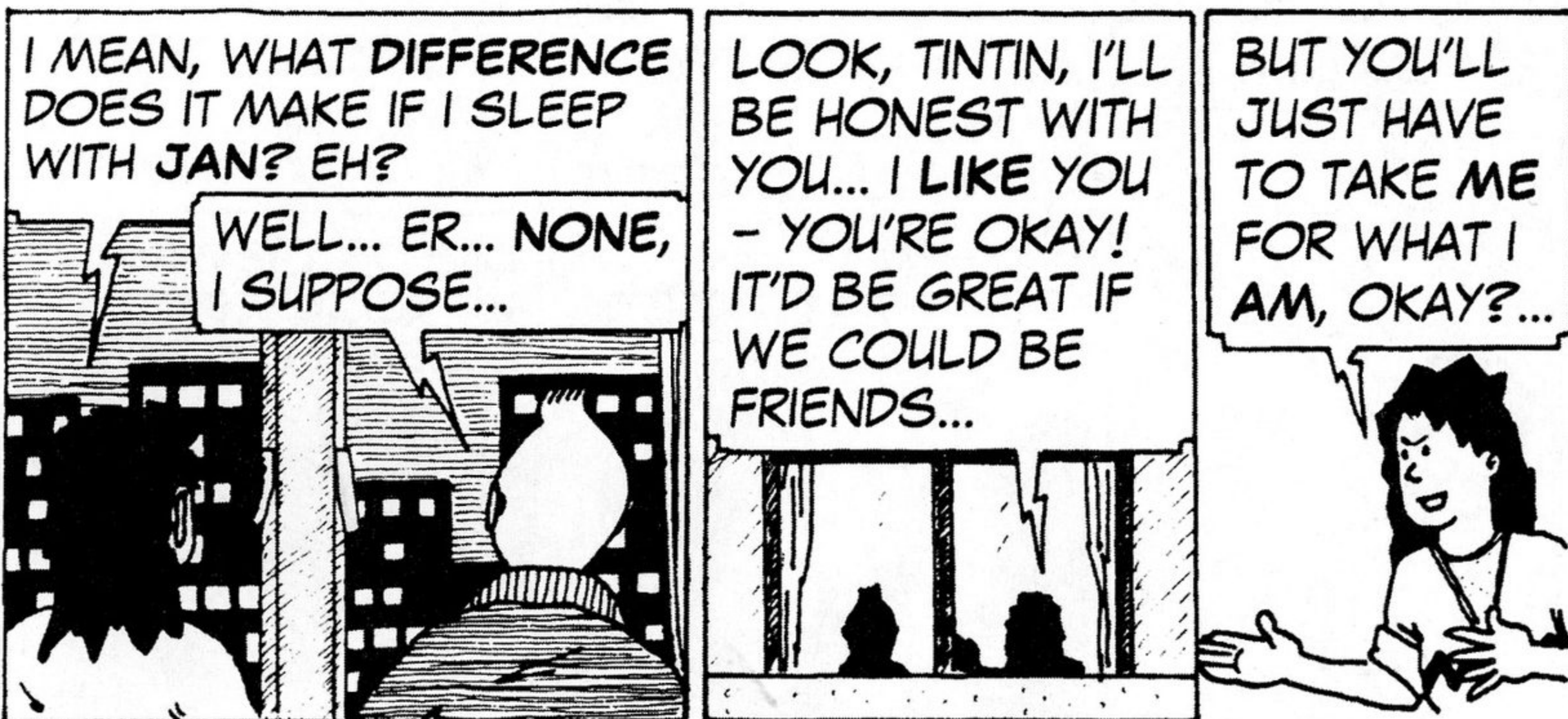
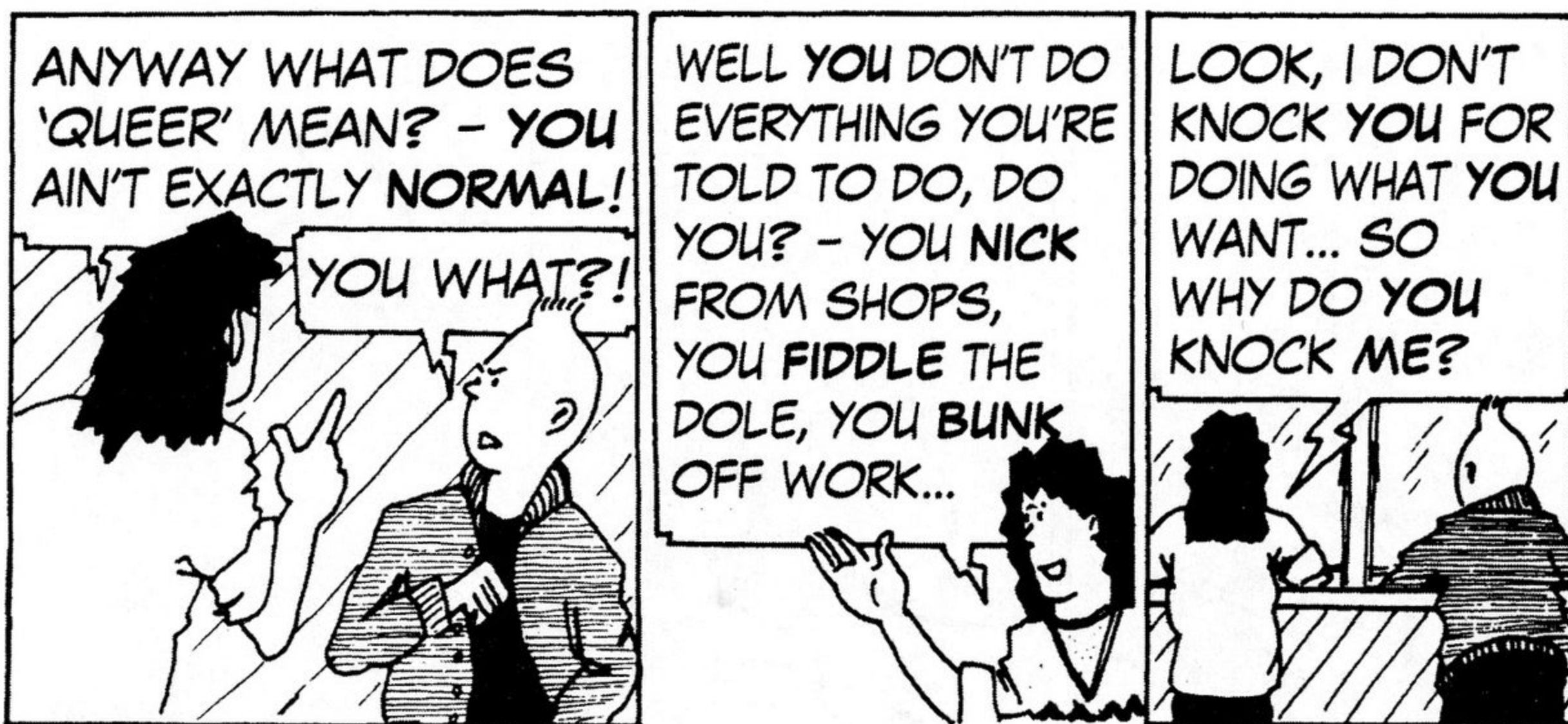


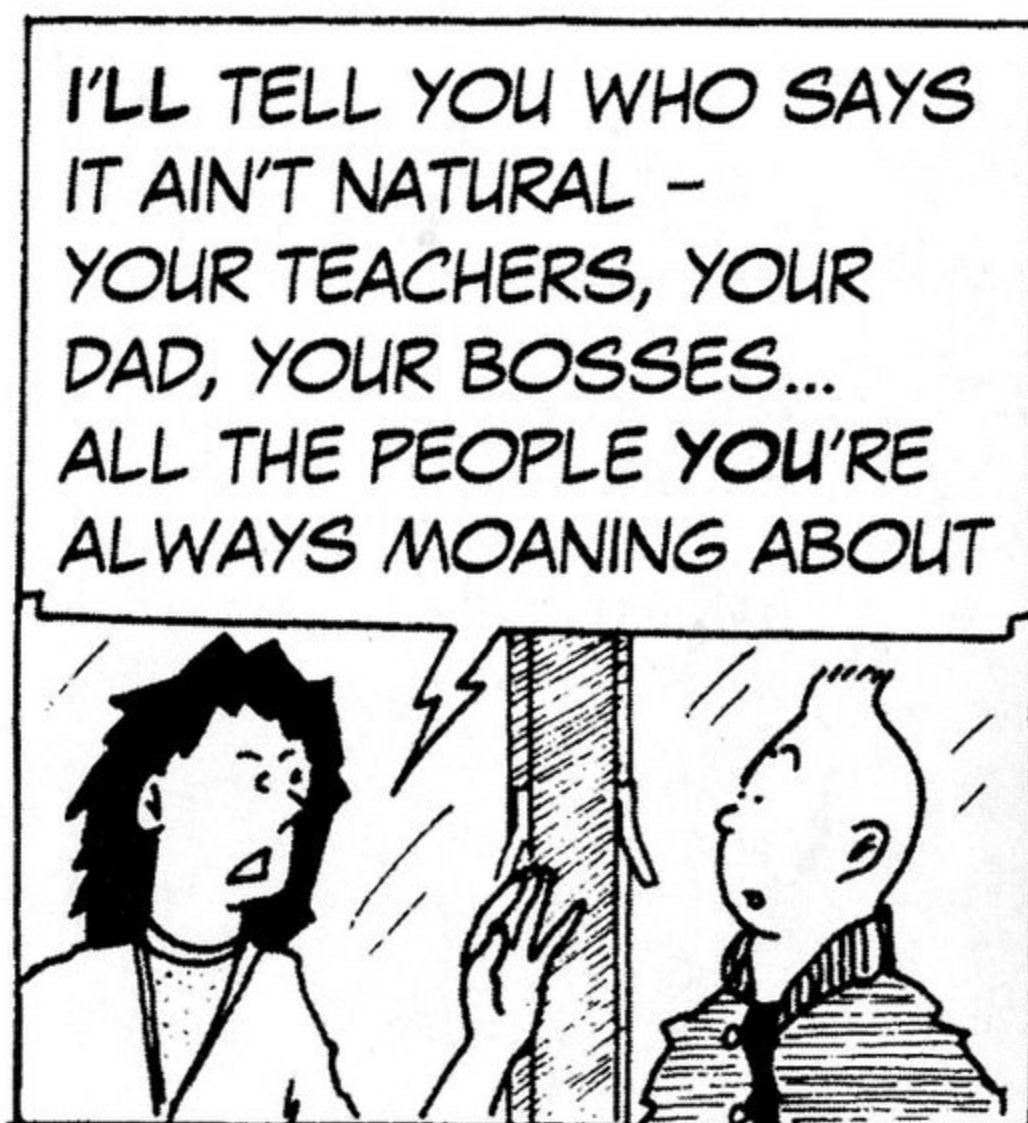
Y'KNOW... LESBIAN FEMINISTS IN... WOOLLY HATS... MIDDLE CLASS WANKERS!!

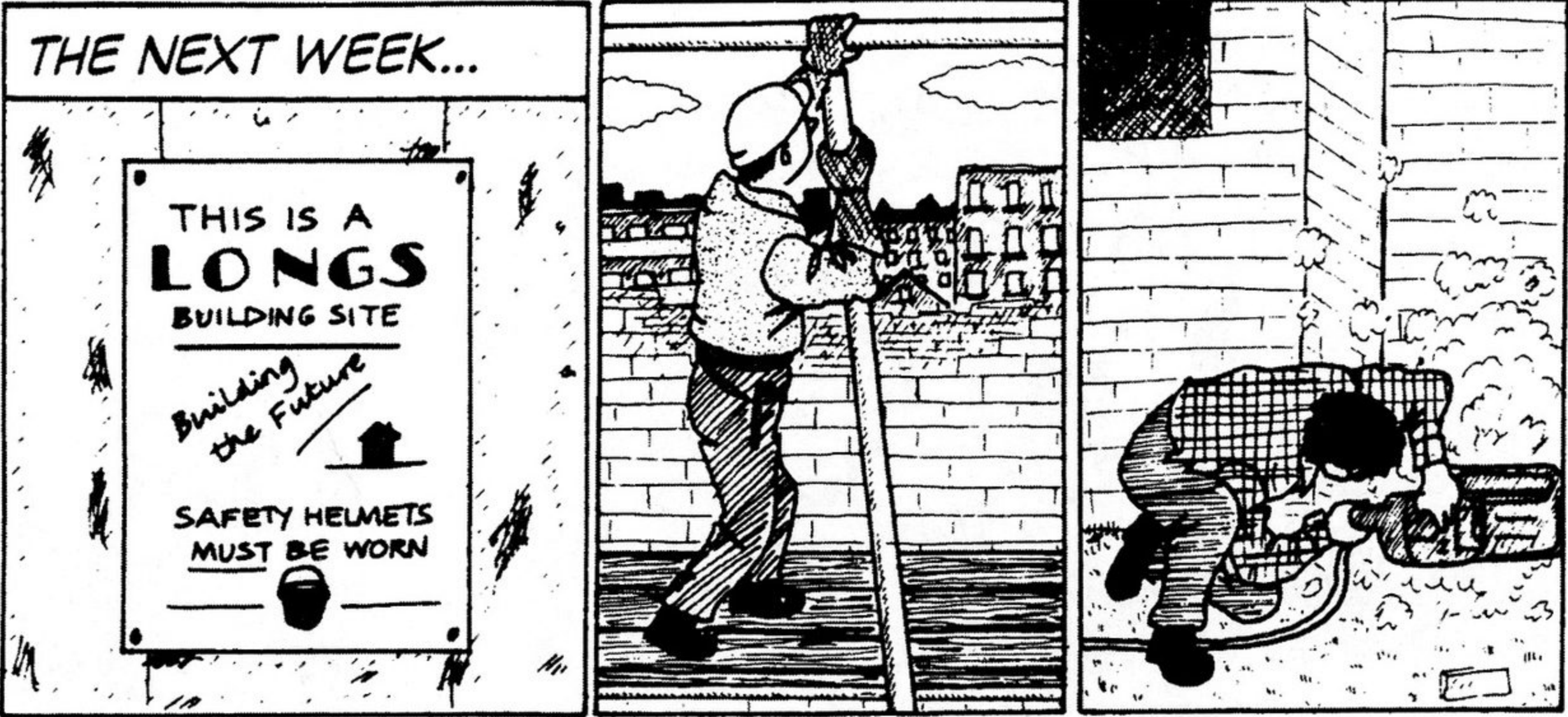


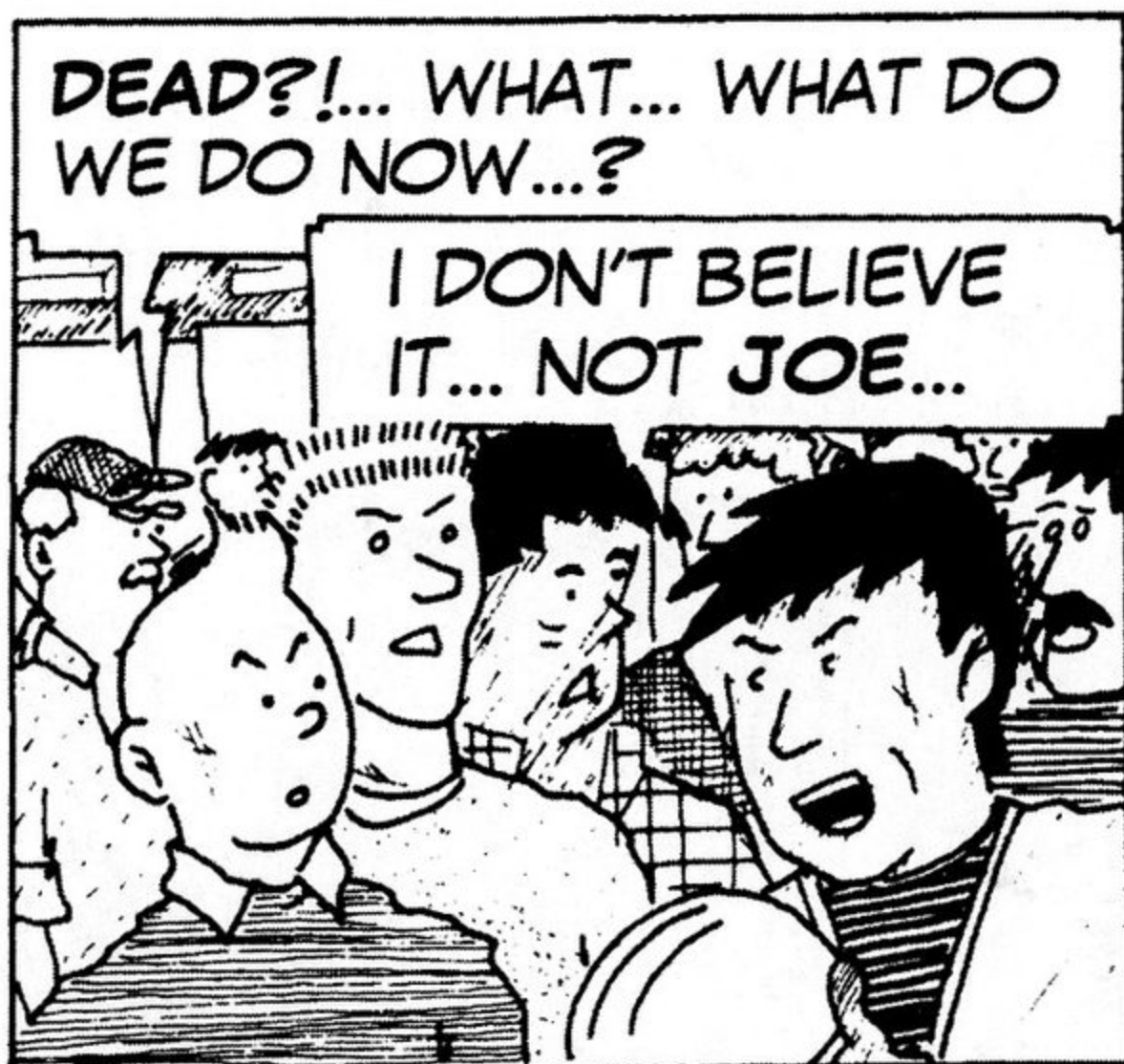


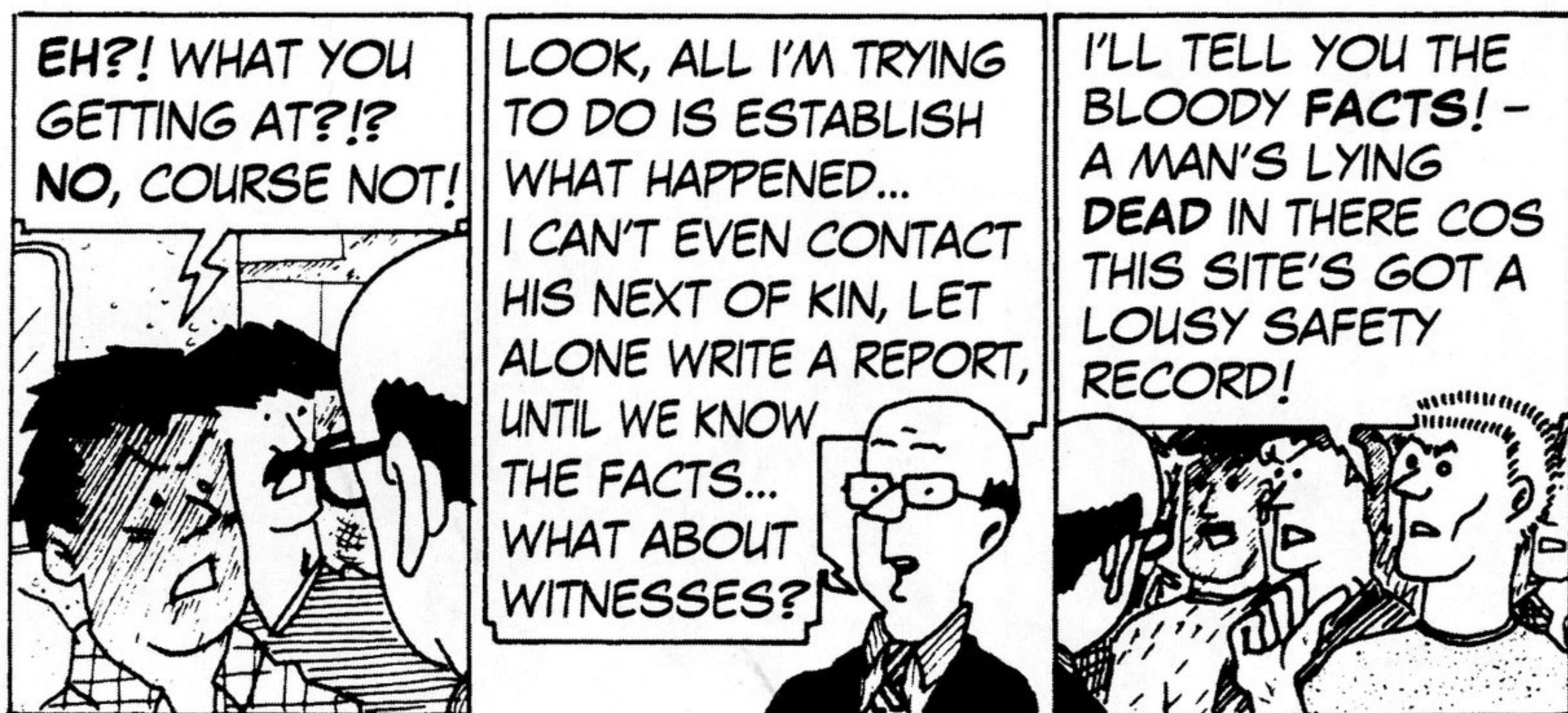
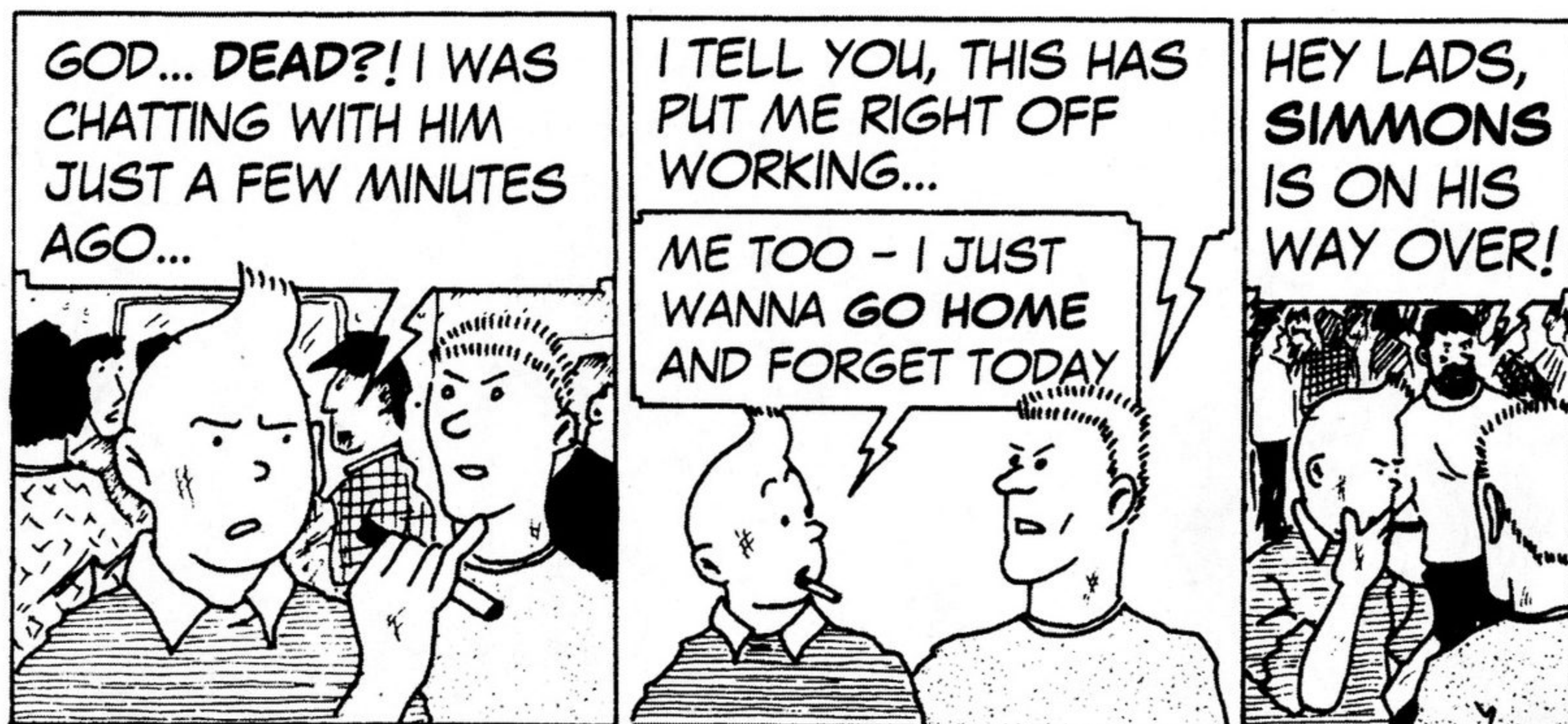












I CAN UNDERSTAND
THAT YOU'RE UPSET
- WE ALL ARE...



... BUT AS THE
SUPERVISOR, MY
JOB IS TO
DETERMINE THE
CAUSE OF THE
ACCIDENT AND
FILE A REPORT...



WELL A BLOODY
REPORT AIN'T GONNA
BRING JOE BACK!

ER... NO... BUT IT
MAY HELP TO...



LISTEN... BEFORE YOU
GET ANY FURTHER...
I AIN'T SATISFIED
WITH THIS! GET THE
MANAGER OUT HERE!



YEAH, WE WANT TO
SEE THE BOSS!

YEAH!



ERR... I'M... UMM...
... WELL... HE'S
UNAVAILABLE...
UMM... AT THIS
MOMENT ... UMM



IN THAT CASE YOU CAN
TELL HIM THAT I'M
BLOODY UNAVAILABLE...
UNAVAILABLE FOR
WORK AS FROM NOW!



YEAH WE'VE HAD
ENOUGH! THEY'RE
ALWAYS SCREWING
US AND NOW
THEY'RE KILLING
US!

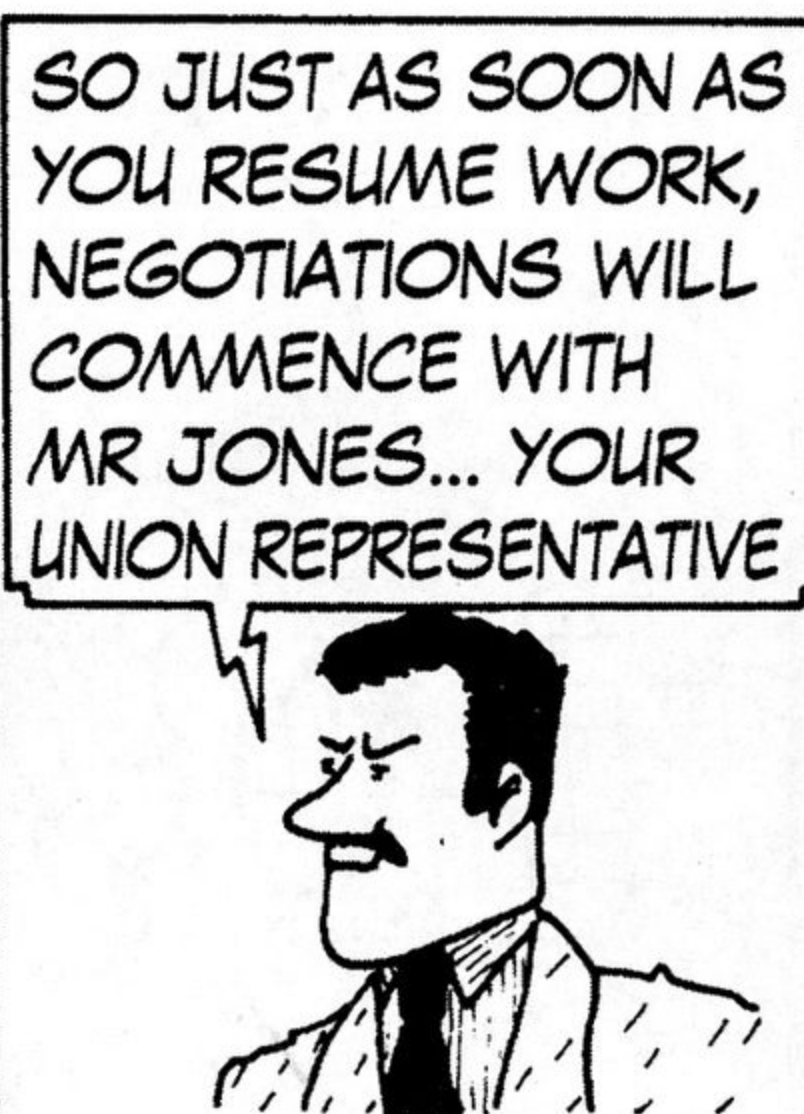
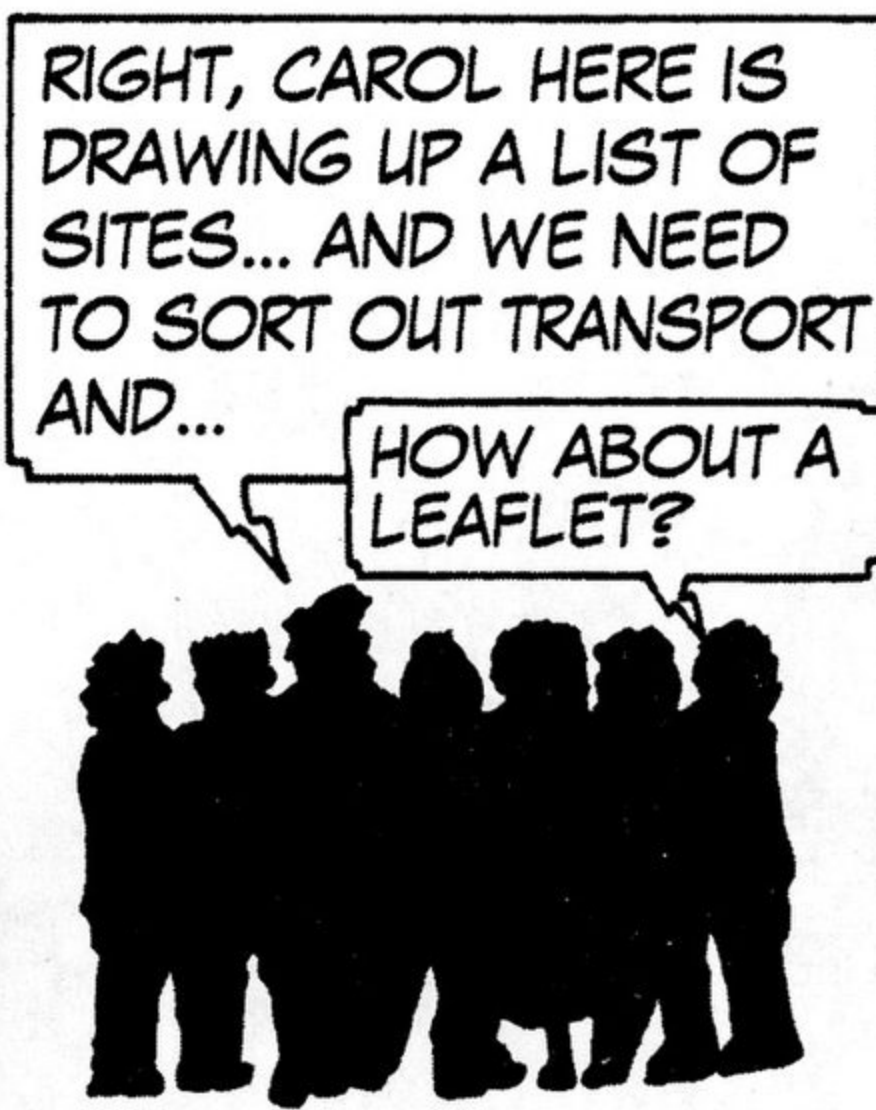


WELL THEY AIN'T
GETTING AWAY
WITH THIS ONE...
LET'S STRIKE!

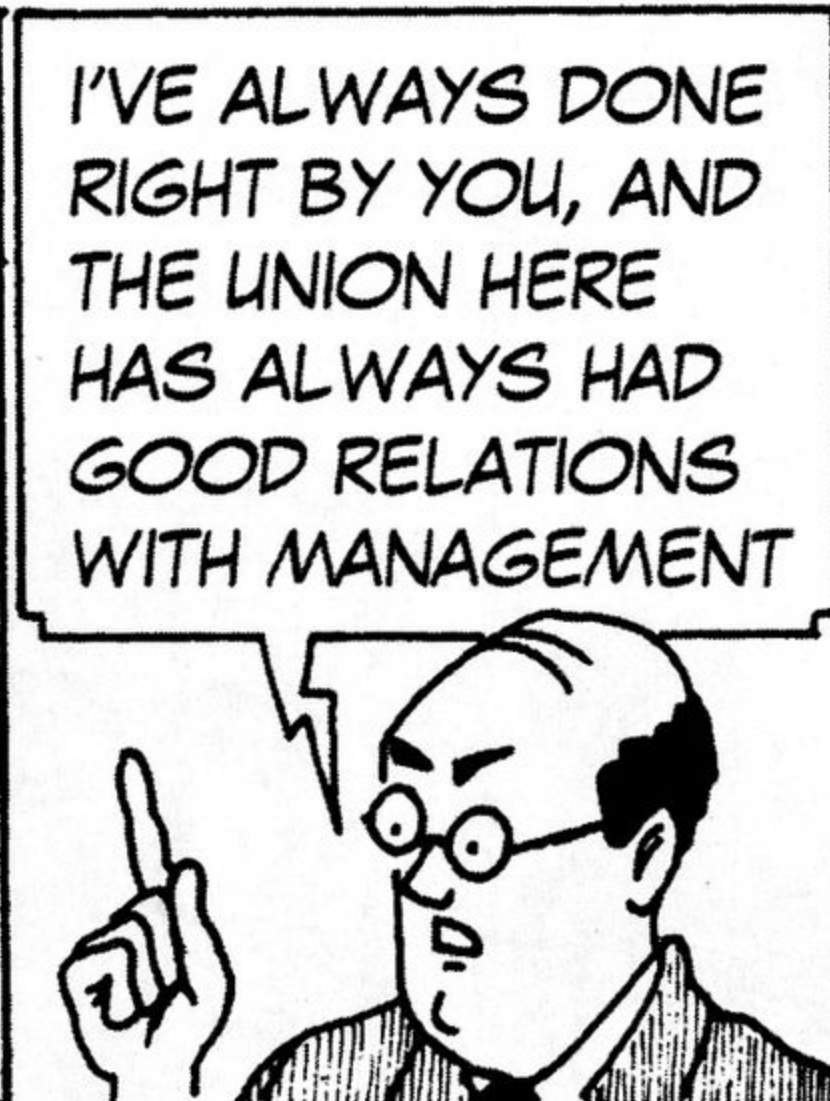
YEAH!

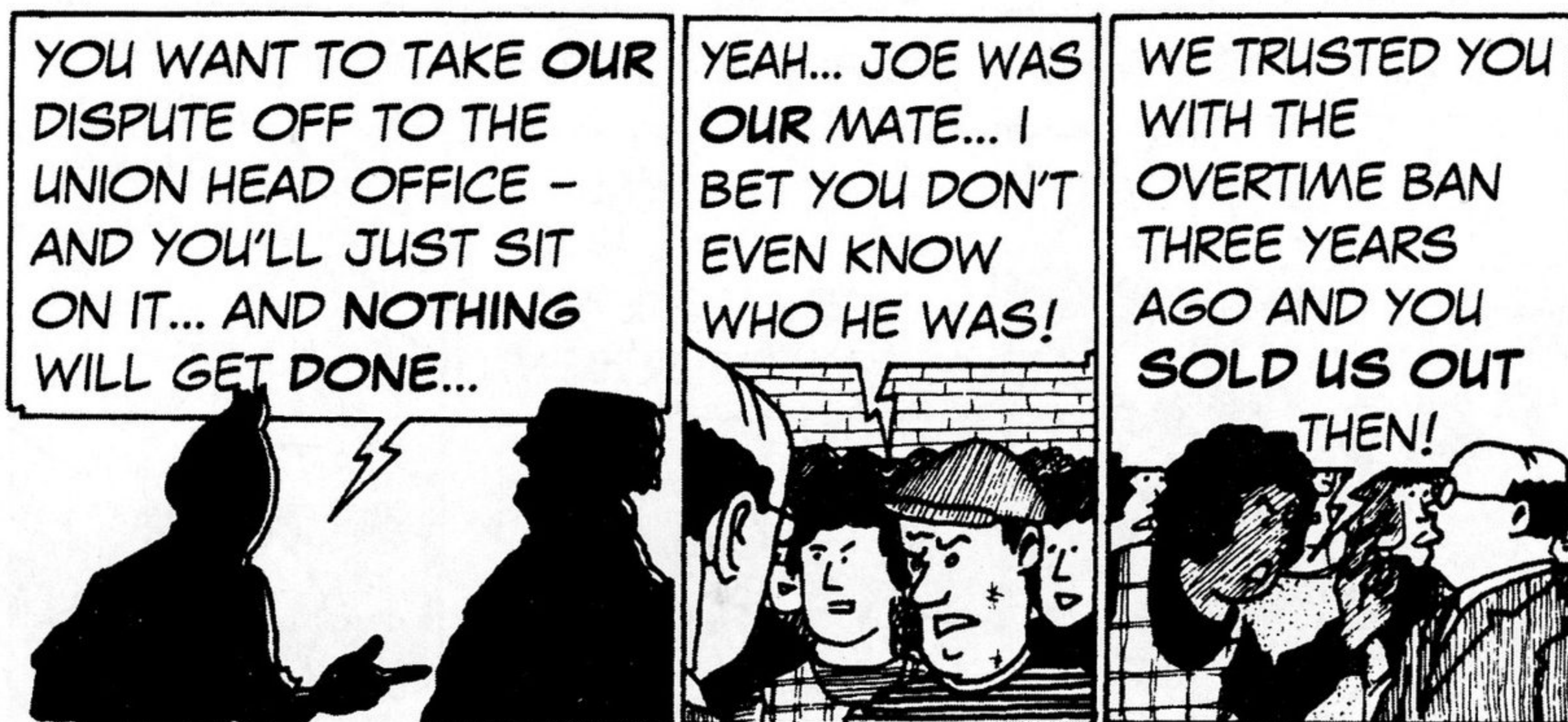


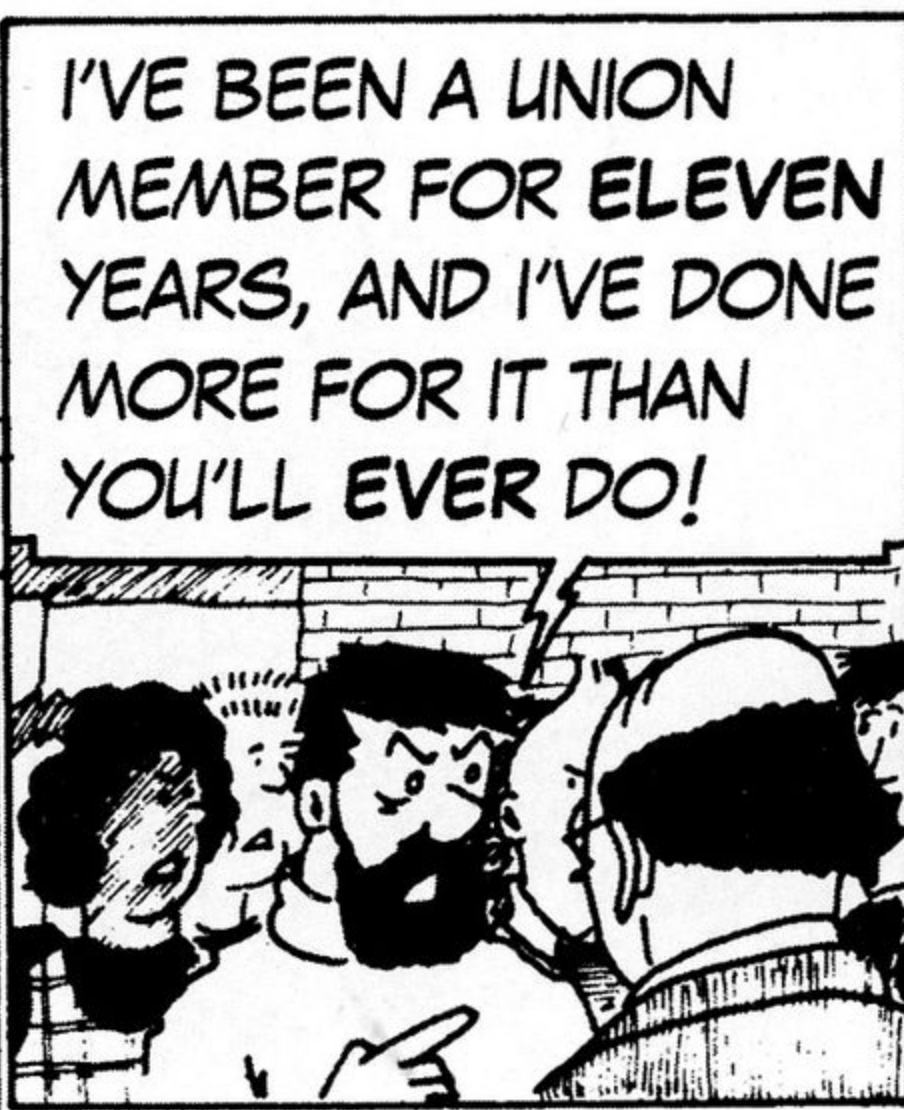
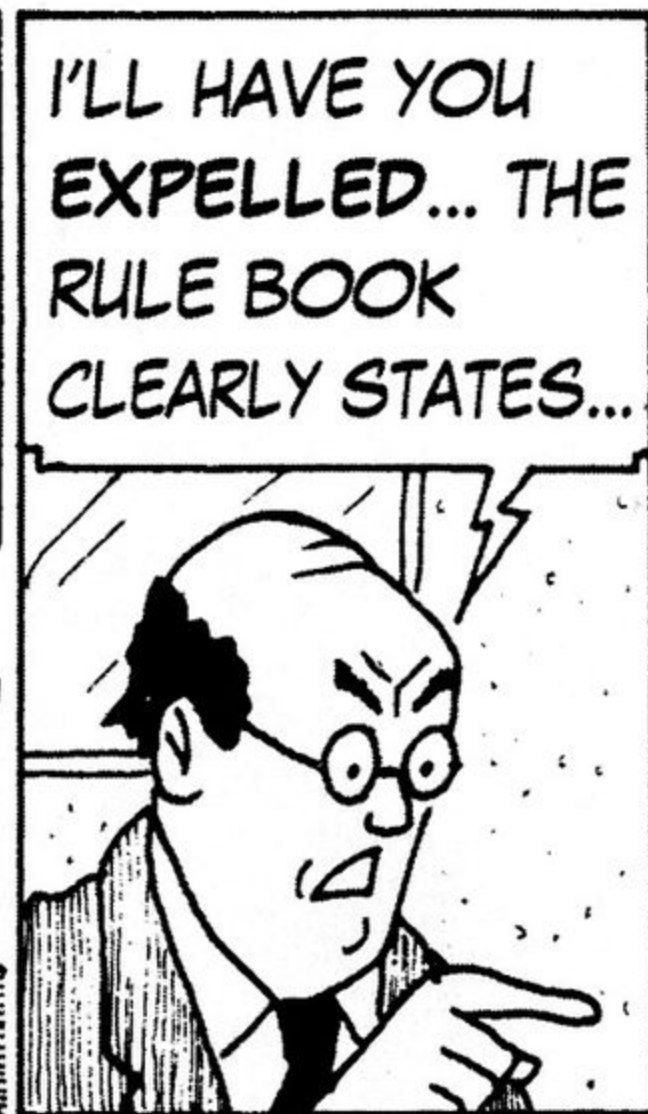




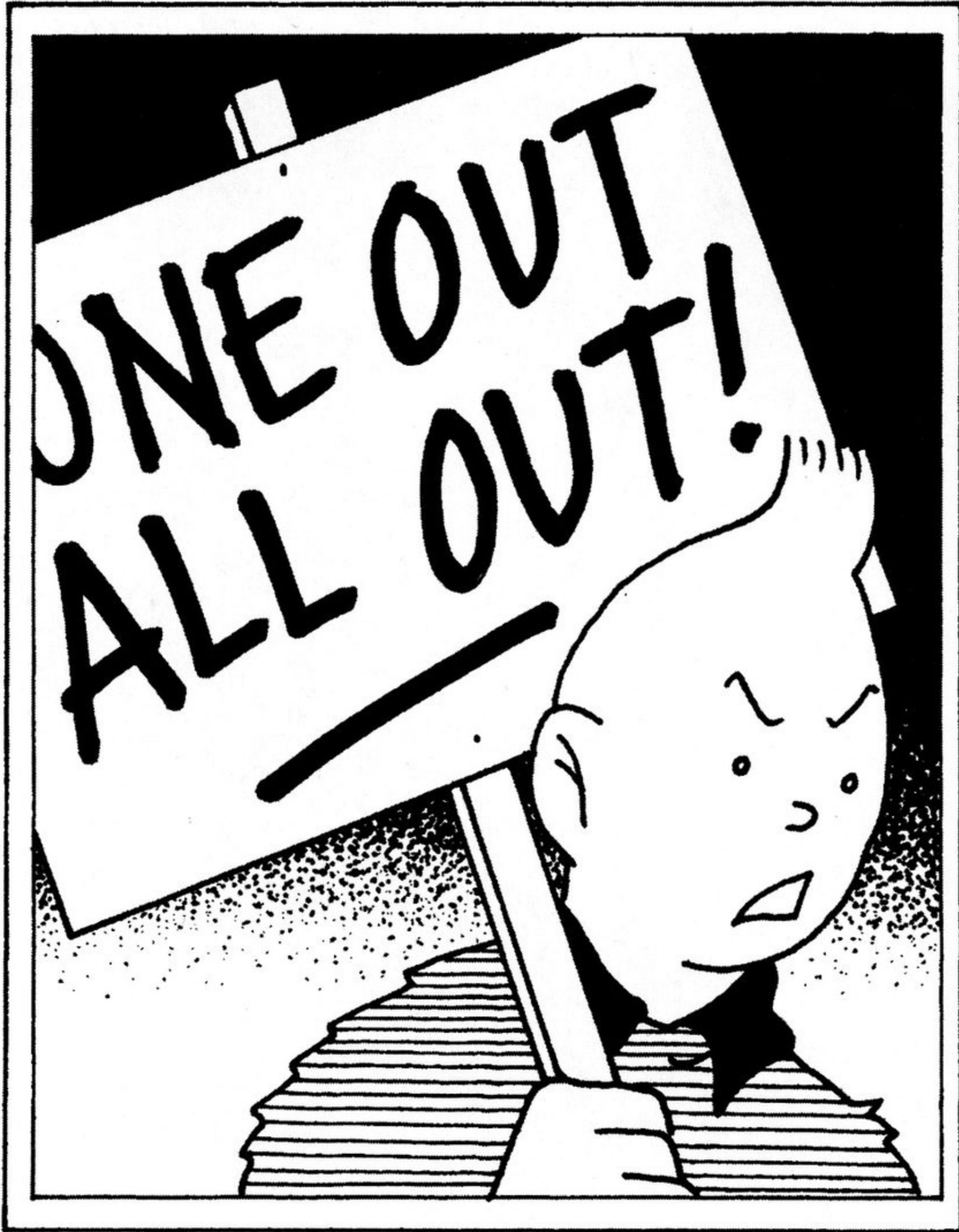


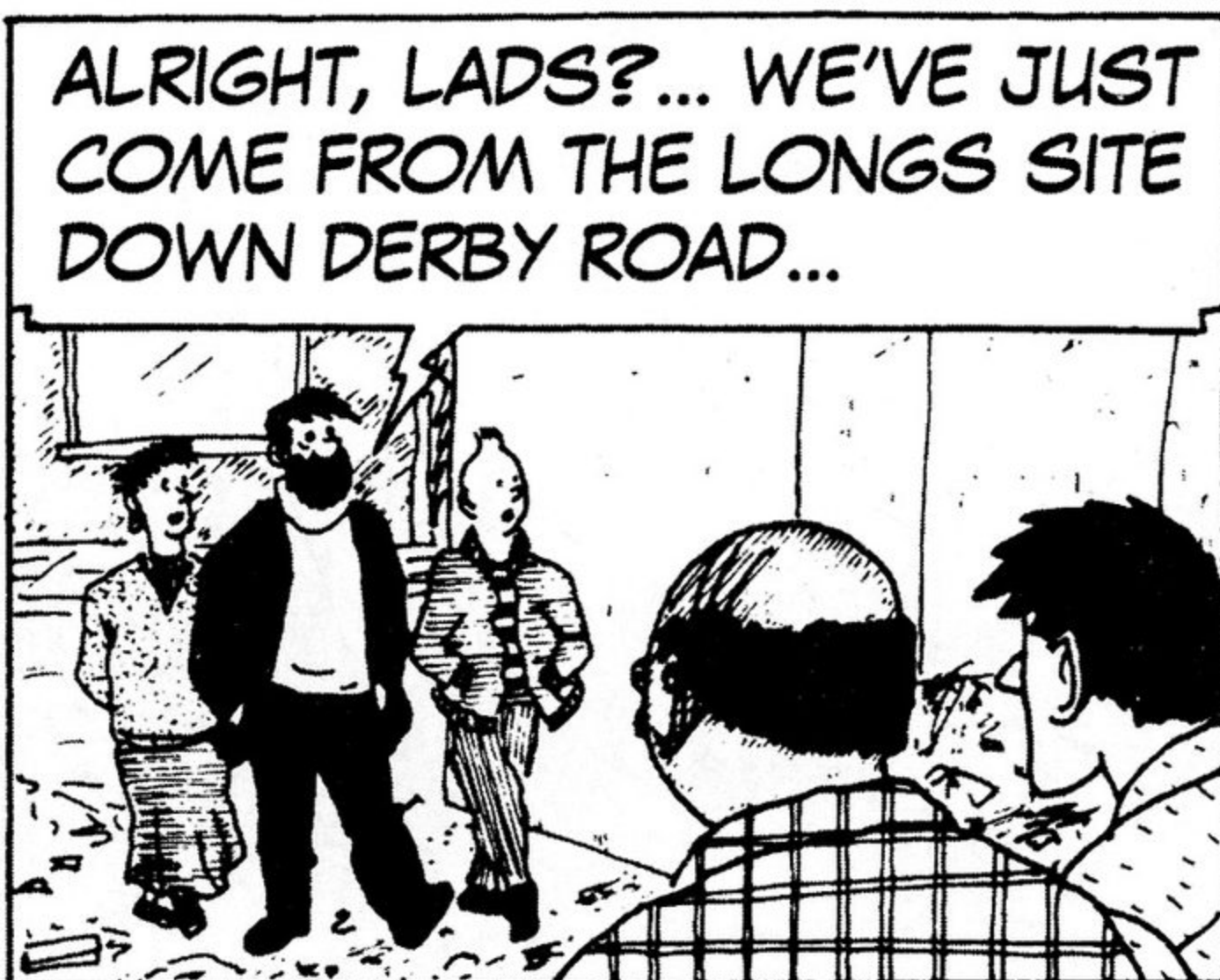
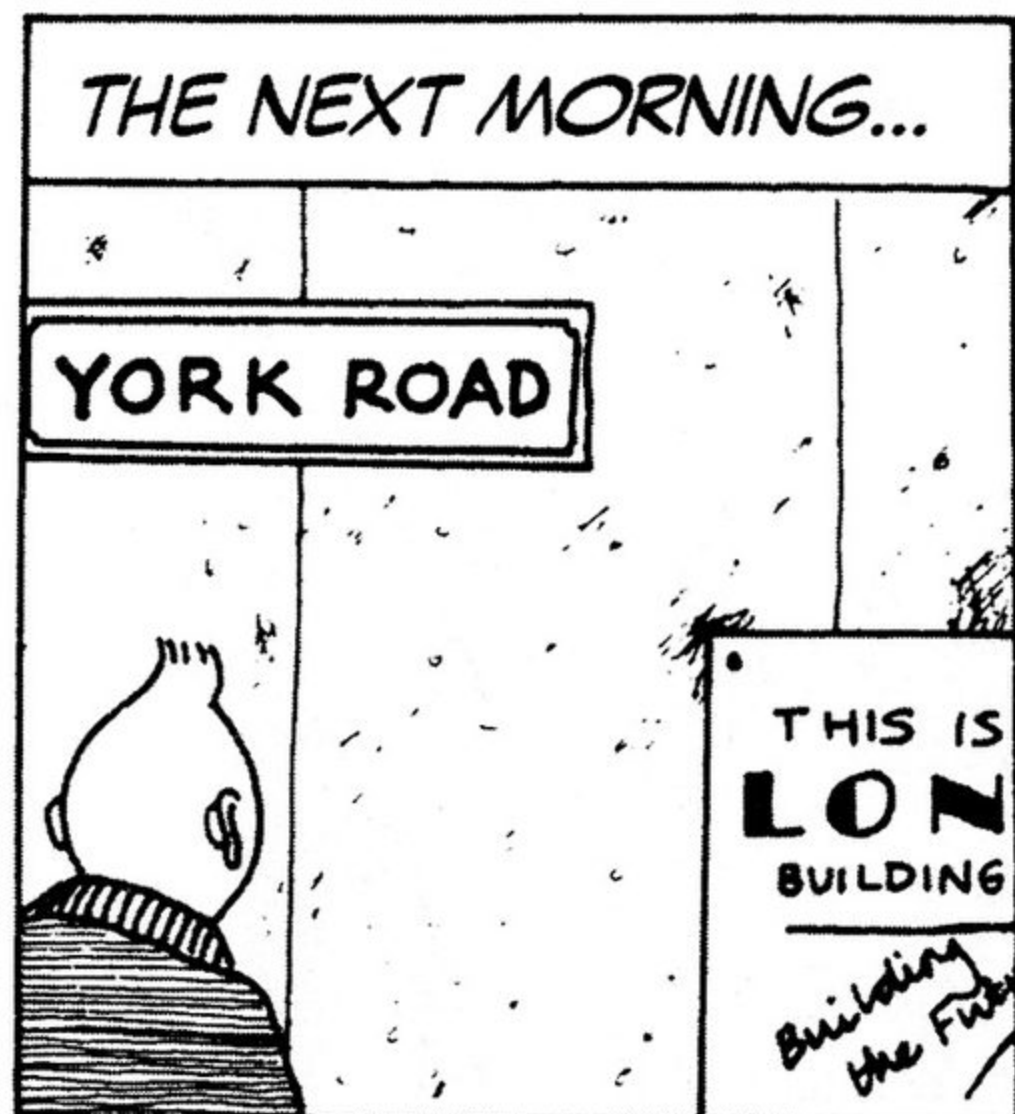






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... I DON'T KNOW...
WHAT'S IN GOT TO
DO WITH US?



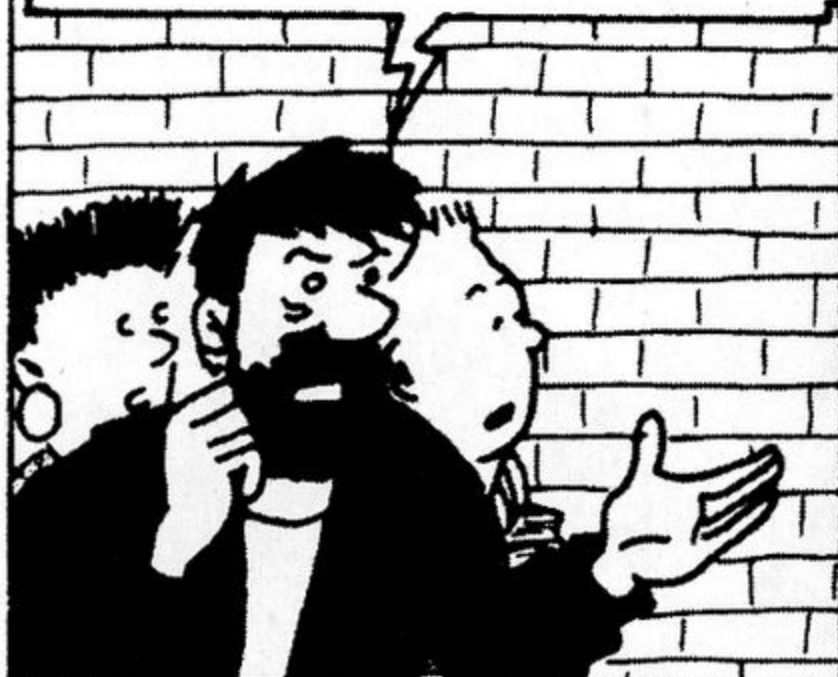
... I'VE GOT A FAMILY
TO KEEP...



BLOODY STRIKES
... I'M SICK OF 'EM!



LOOK, WE'RE ALL
IN THE SAME
BOAT... WE ALL
WORK FOR LONGS...



IT COULD BE YOU
WHO GETS KILLED
NEXT!...



... AND YOU WON'T
BE MUCH USE
TO YOUR FAMILY
WHEN YOU'RE SIX
FEET UNDER!



YEAH YOU'RE RIGHT!
THIS PLACE IS A
DEATH TRAP... I
SAY WE STRIKE!

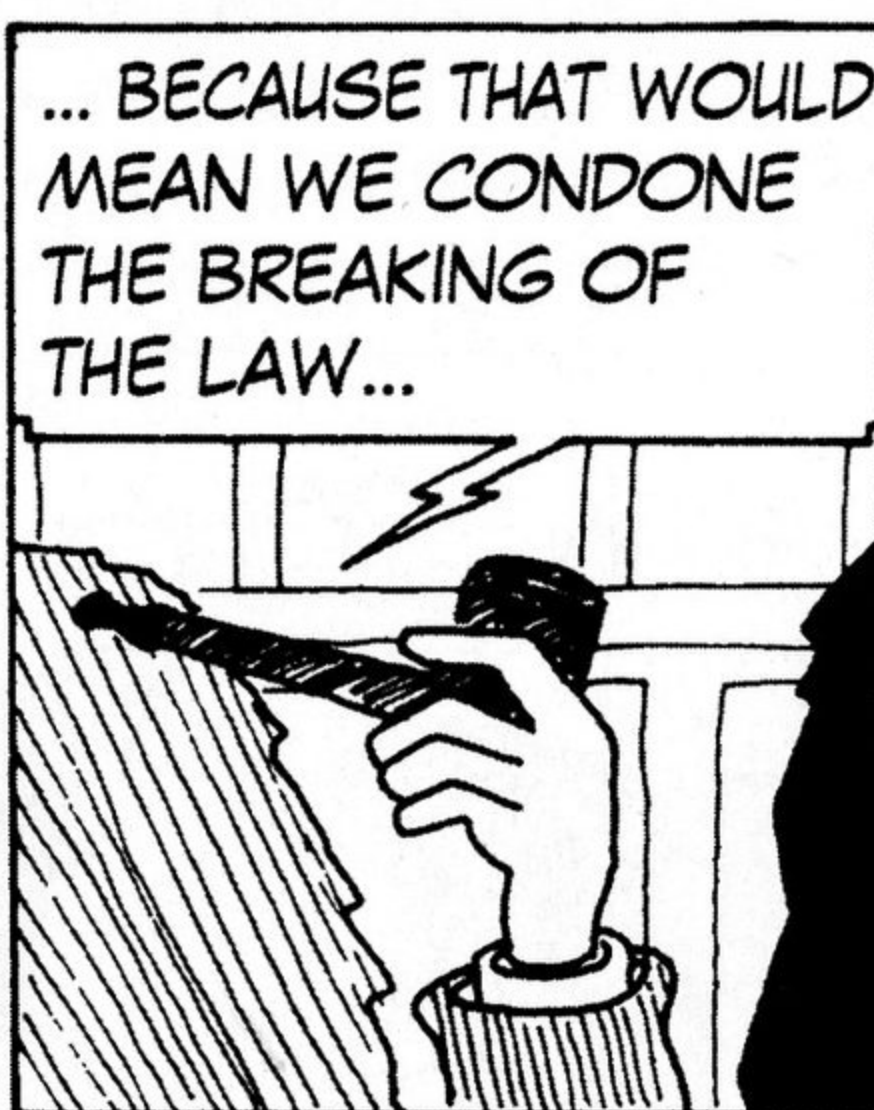
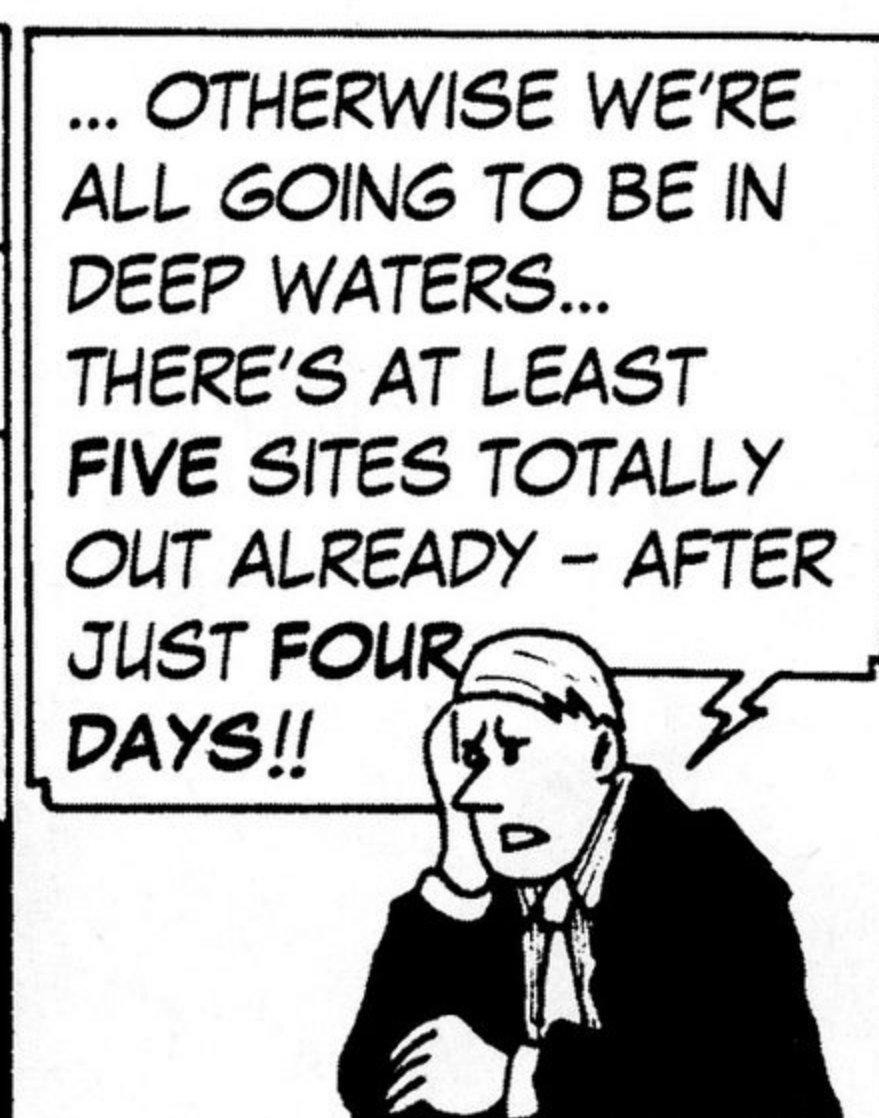
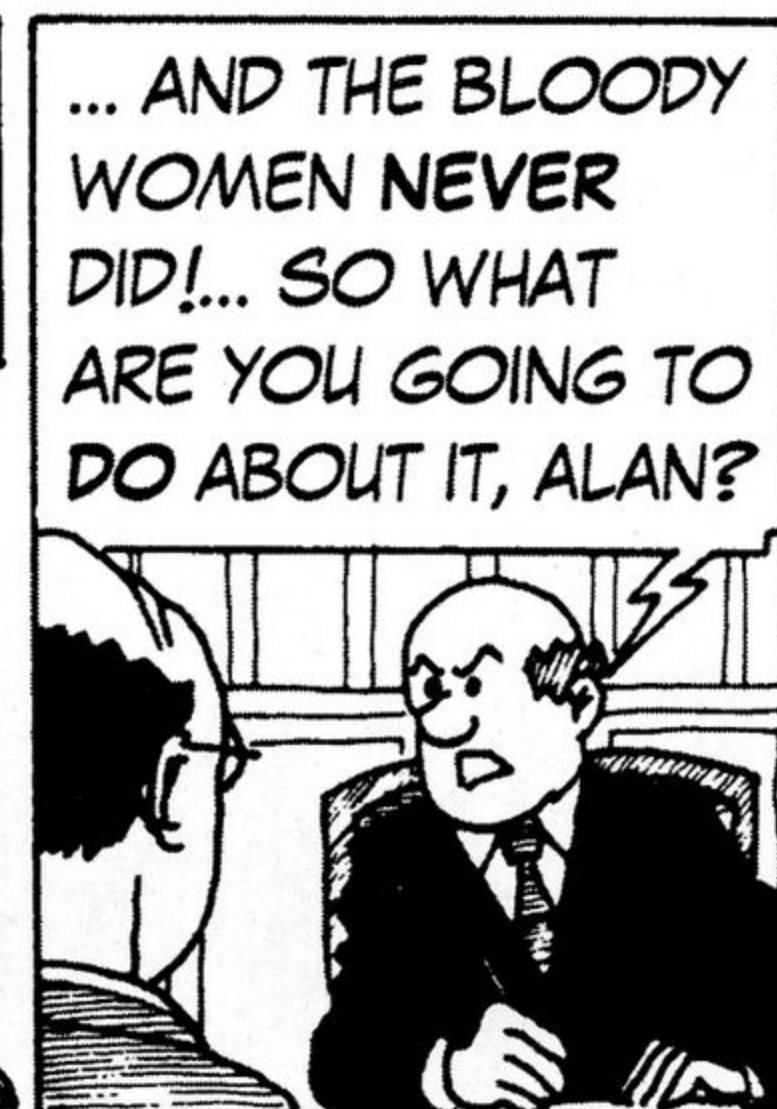


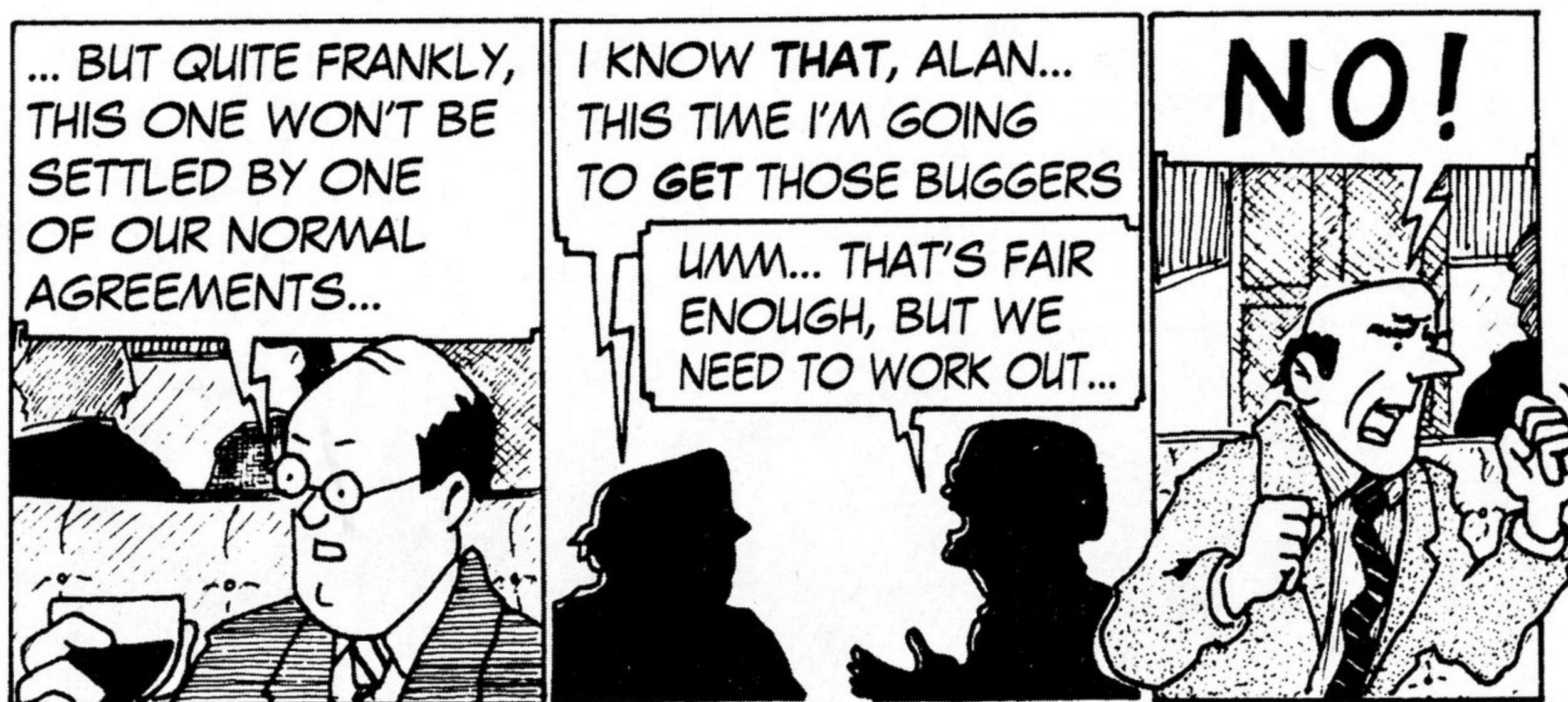
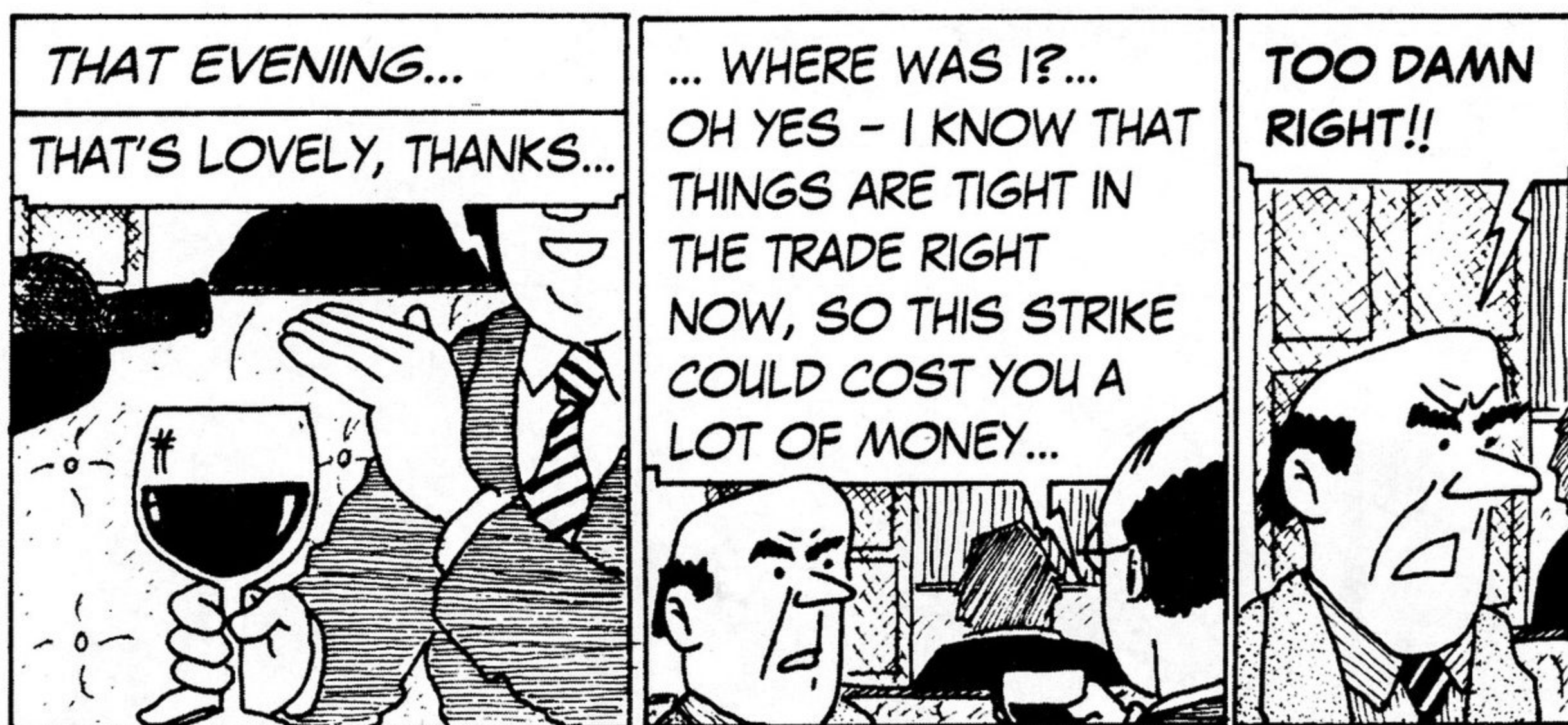
YEAH, C'MON LADS...
IT'S ABOUT TIME
SOMEONE DID
SOMETHING... I'VE
GOT A FAMILY TOO,
BUT FRANK'S RIGHT...

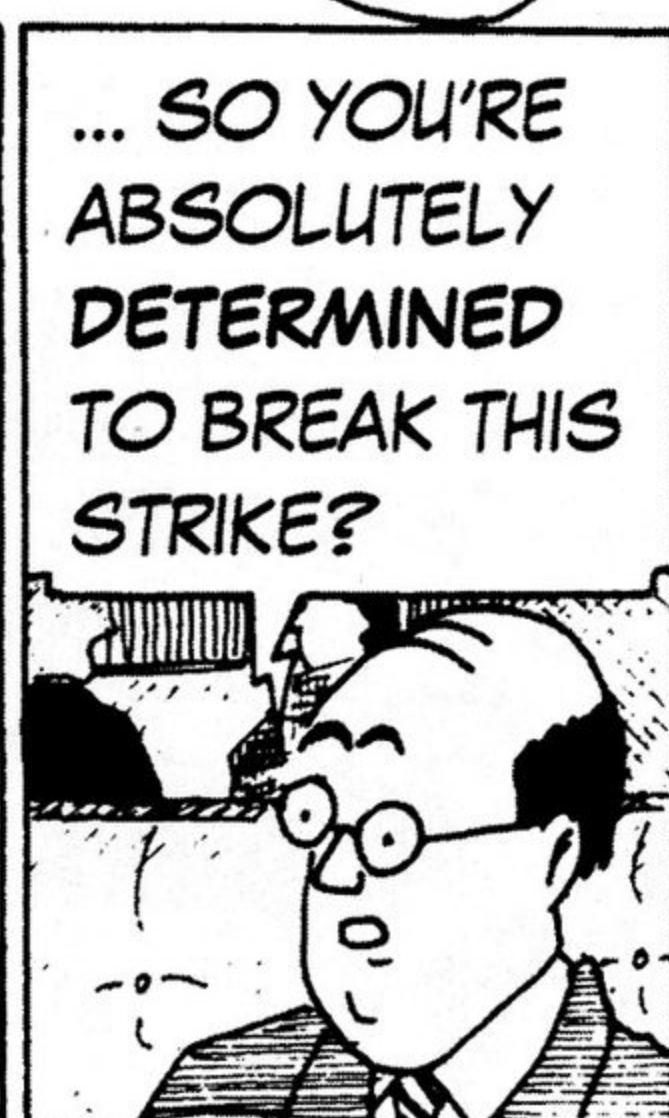
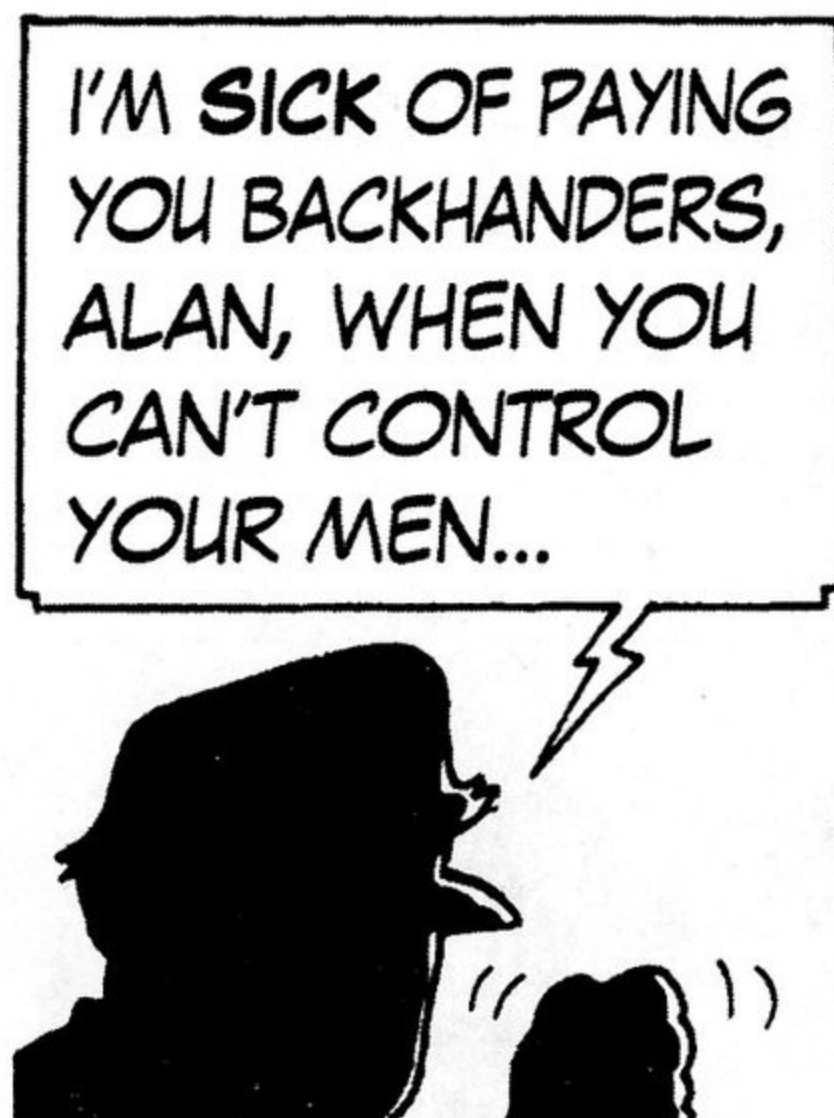
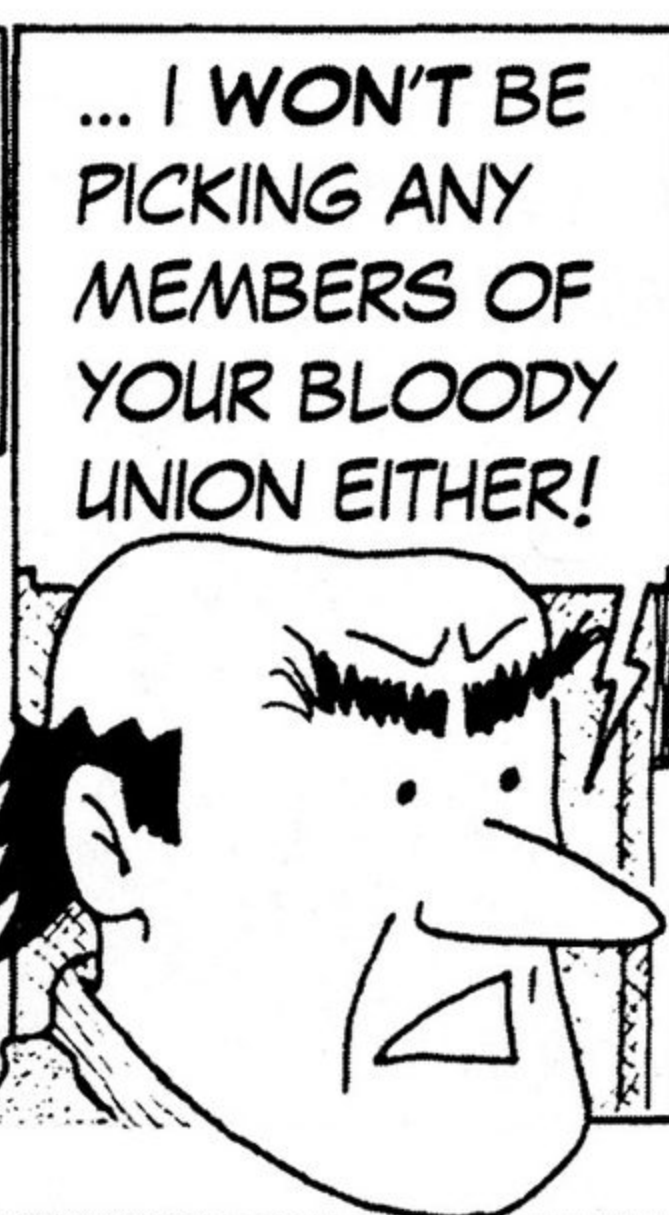


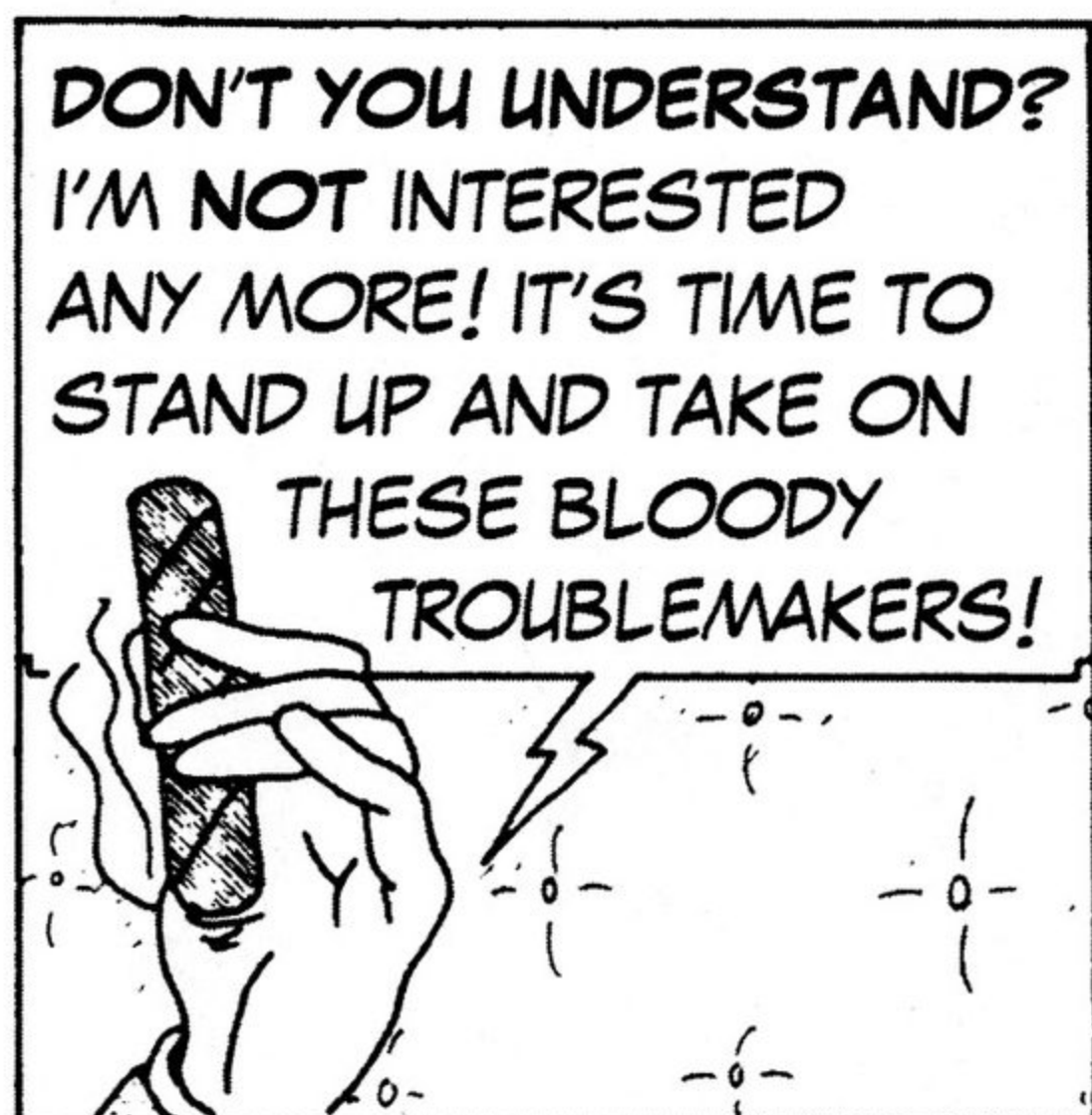
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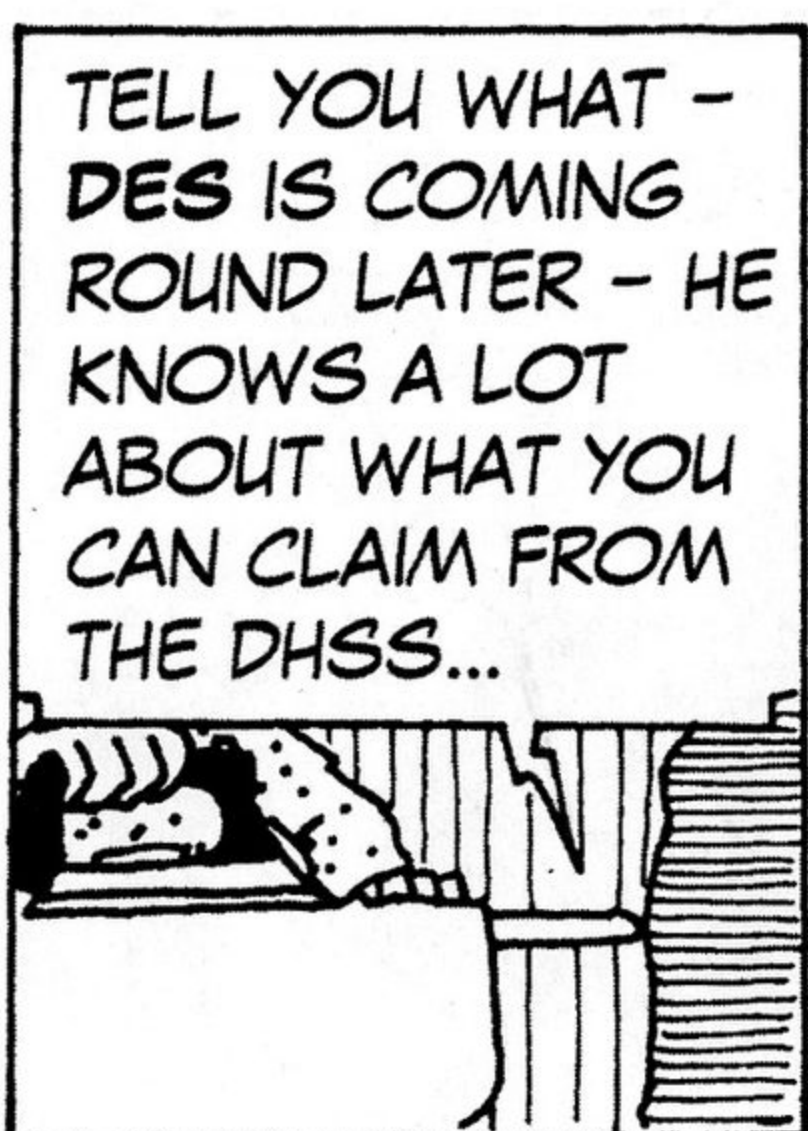






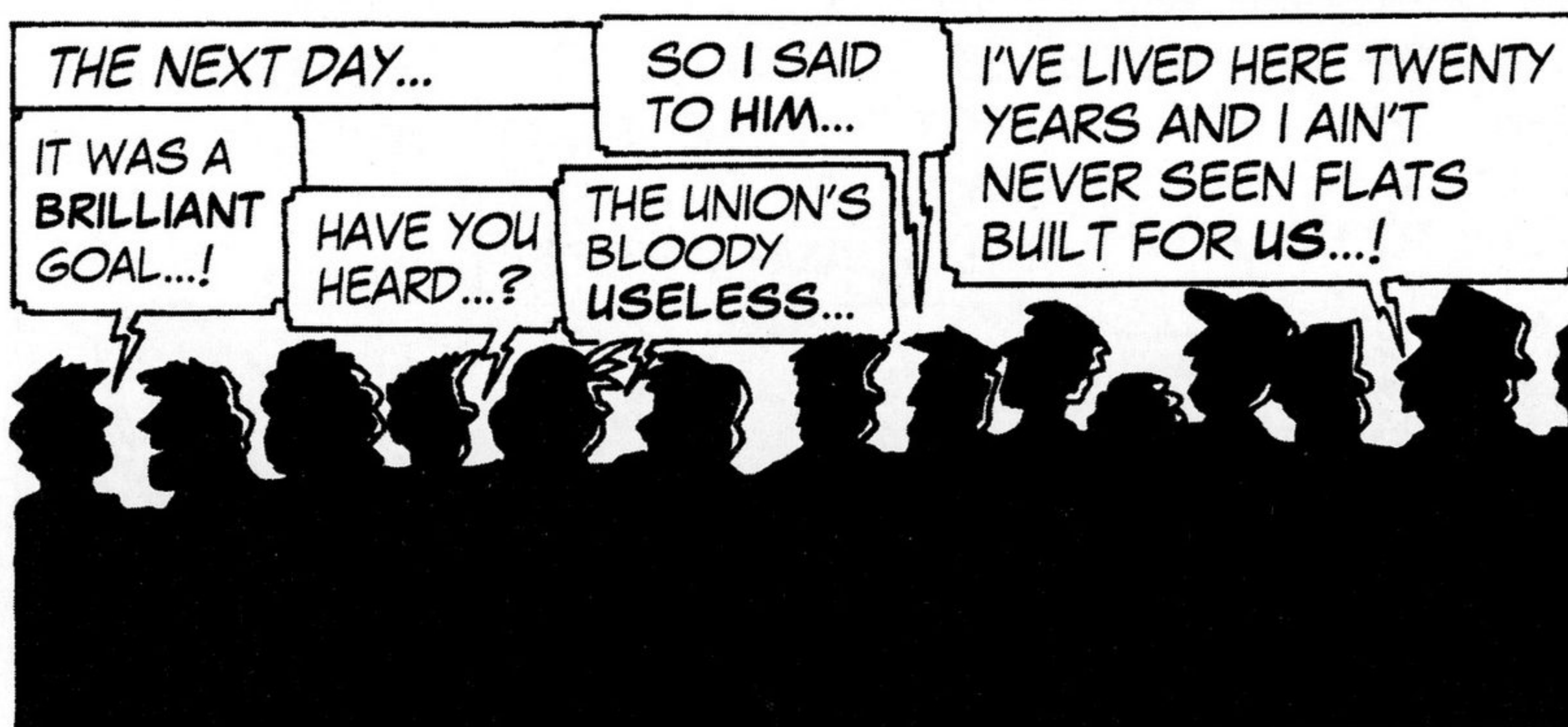
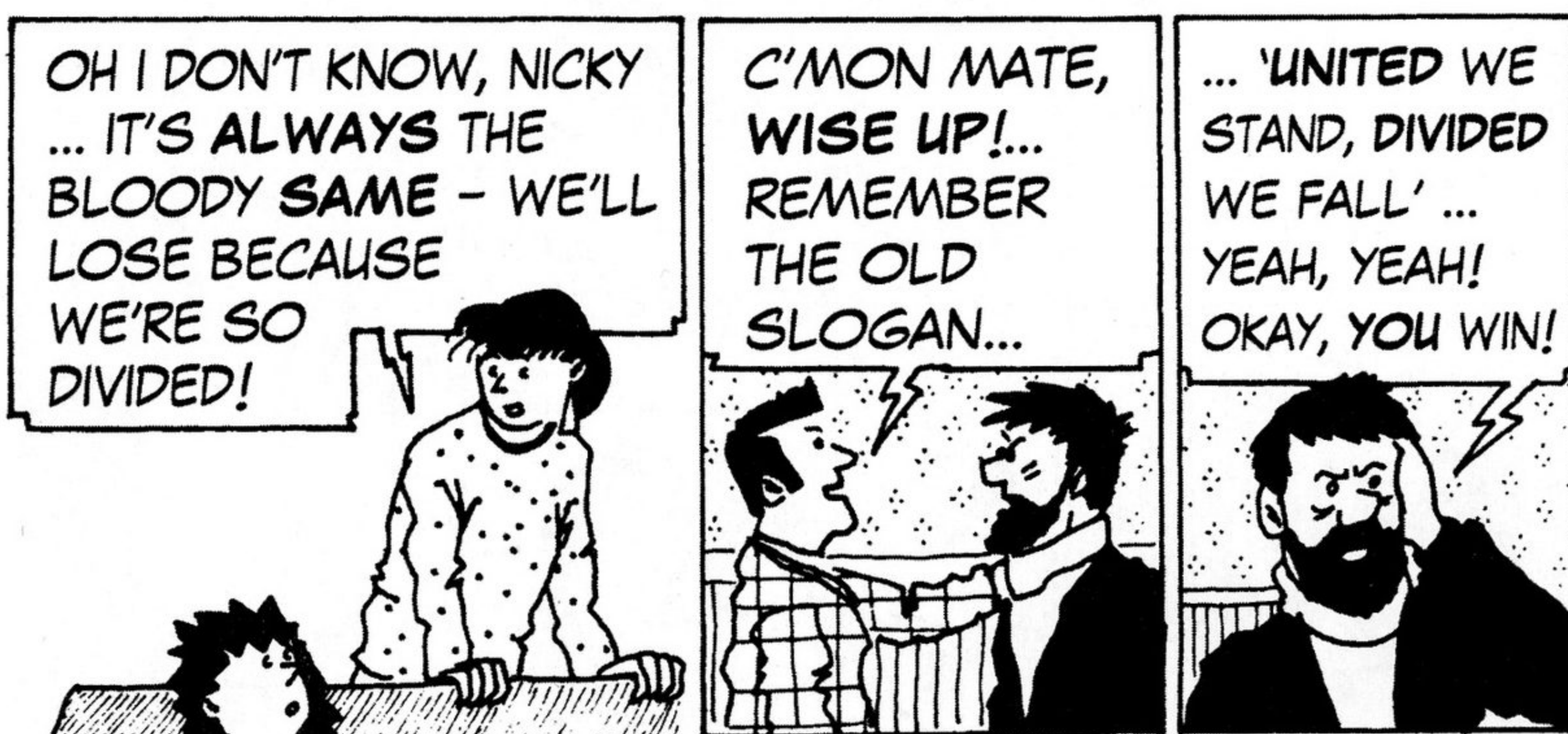


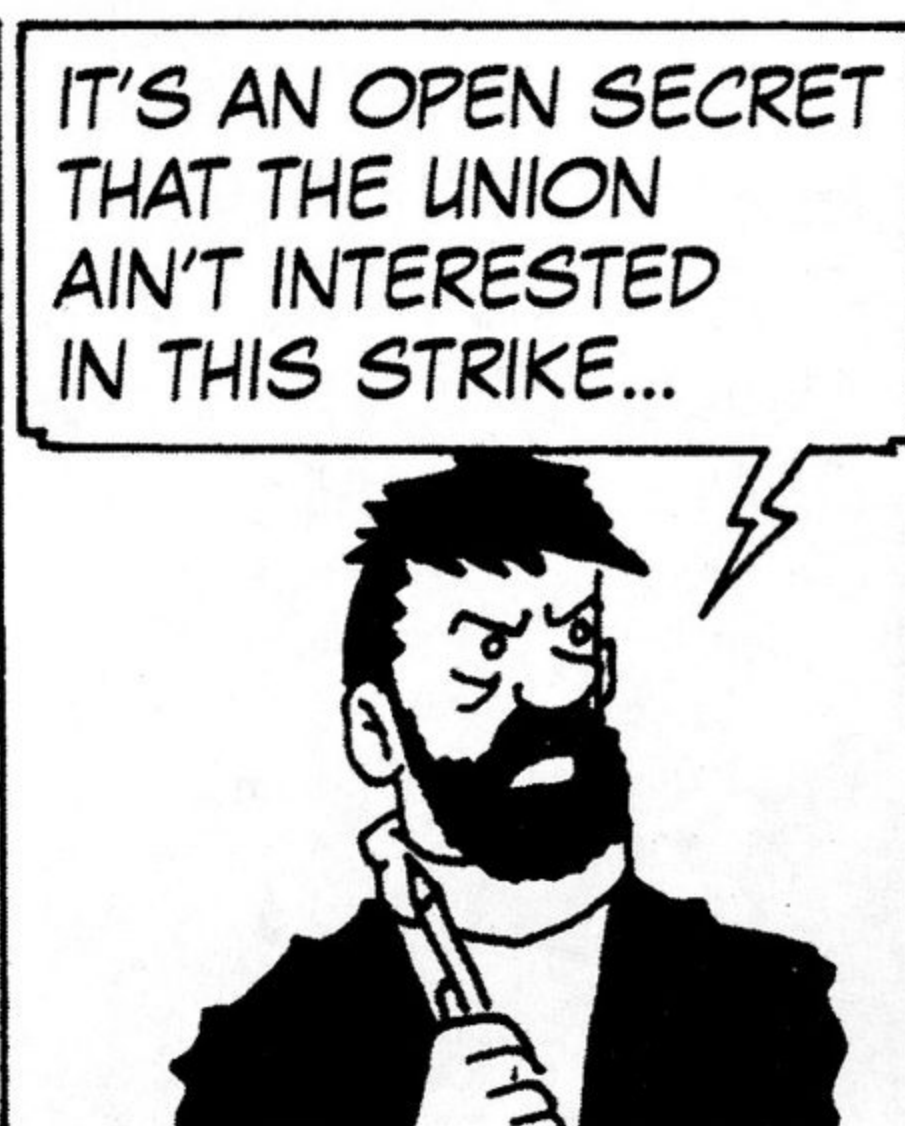












I'M FRANK STEVENS,
SHOP STEWARD AT
THE YORK ROAD
SITE...



THE SITUATION IS
THIS - SIX SITES
ON TOTAL ALL-OUT
STRIKE... AND TWO
MORE COMING OUT
NEXT WEEK!



... AND THREE
SITES ARE ON
A GO-SLOW...

PICKET 'EM
OUT!



ALRIGHT, CHRIS,
WE'LL COME TO
THAT LATER...



... THERE STILL HAS
BEEN ABSOLUTELY NO
RESPONSE FROM LONGS
MANAGEMENT TO OUR
DEMANDS, AND...



BROTHERS!



BROTHERS, THIS IS...
AND SISTERS,
YOU TOE-RAG!



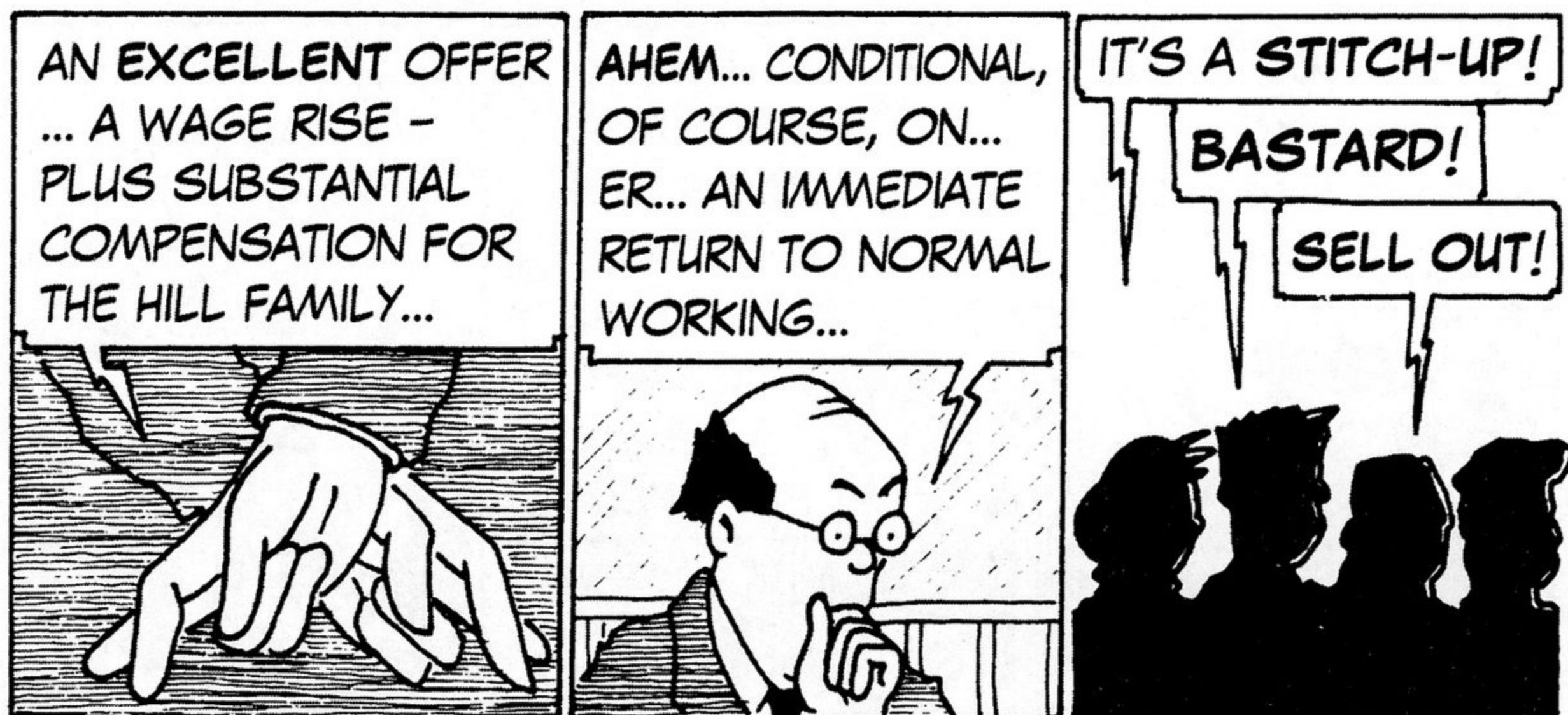
THIS IS A GREAT
MOMENT - WE
ARE ON THE VERGE
OF VICTORY



... I HAVE JUST
COME FROM TALKS
WITH MANAGEMENT,
AND THEY HAVE
MADE A GOOD
OFFER

AT LAST!





NOW THEN, BROTHERS,
LET'S DO THIS
PROPERLY - AND PUT
IT TO THE VOTE...
REMEMBER, ONLY FULL
UNION MEMBERS CAN
TAKE PART...



... I'VE NOTICED
QUITE A FEW
STRANGE FACES
HERE - ARE
THEY OUT TO
CAUSE TROUBLE?



DON'T LET THEM
TAKE YOU FOR A
RIDE!... I BET
THEY DON'T WORK
IN THE TRADE...



THE ONLY OUTSIDERS
HERE ARE YOU
AND YOUR HEAVIES,
JONES!



LISTEN - I WORK
AT DERBY ROAD
AND JONES HAS
DONE SOD ALL
FOR US... ALL HE
CARES ABOUT
IS HIS OWN
PAY CHEQUE!



... HIM AND HIS
FAT PALS ARE
BOSSES' MEN!

YEAH!



I DON'T WORK IN THE
TRADE NO MORE,
BUT A LOT OF YOU
PROBABLY KNOW ME...



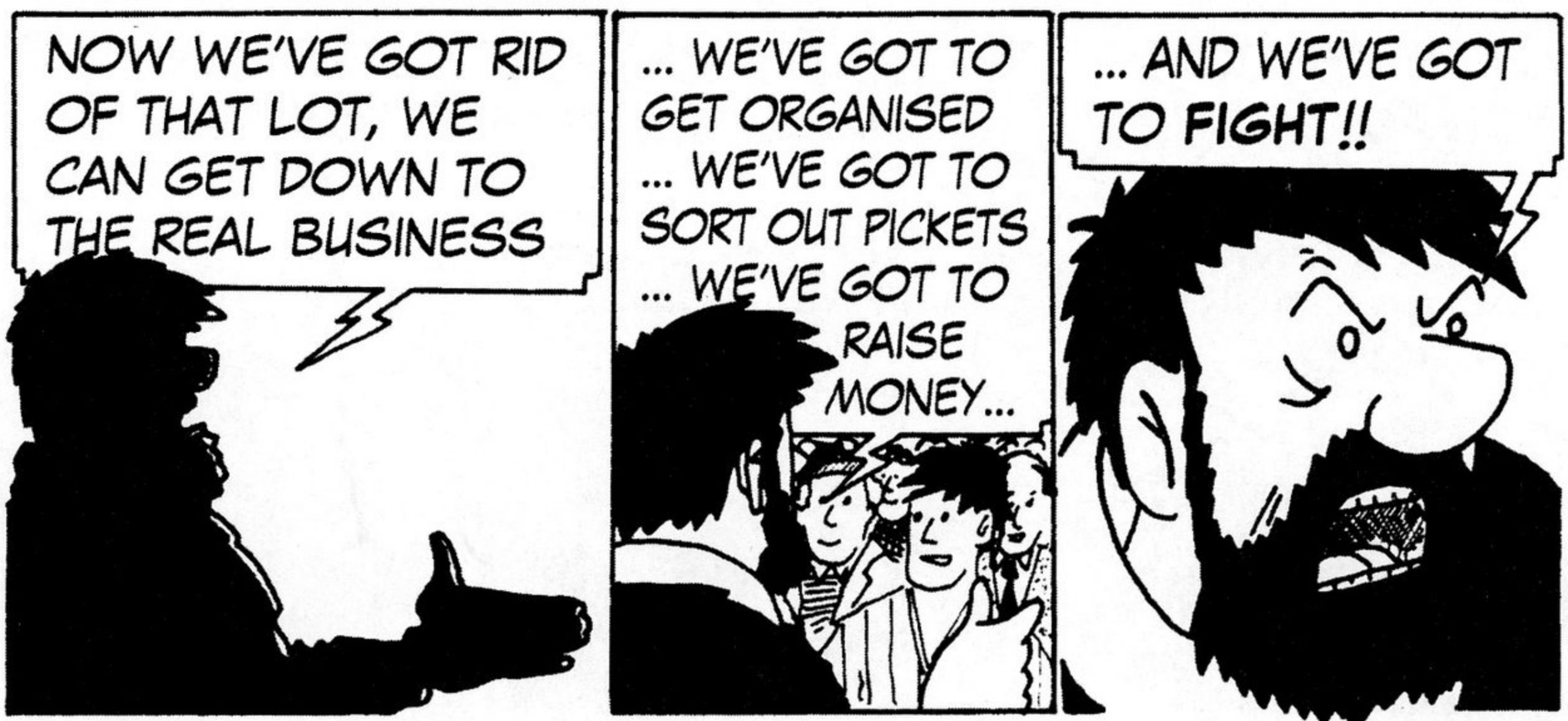
... BUT HOW MANY
CAN SAY THEY
KNOW HIM?!

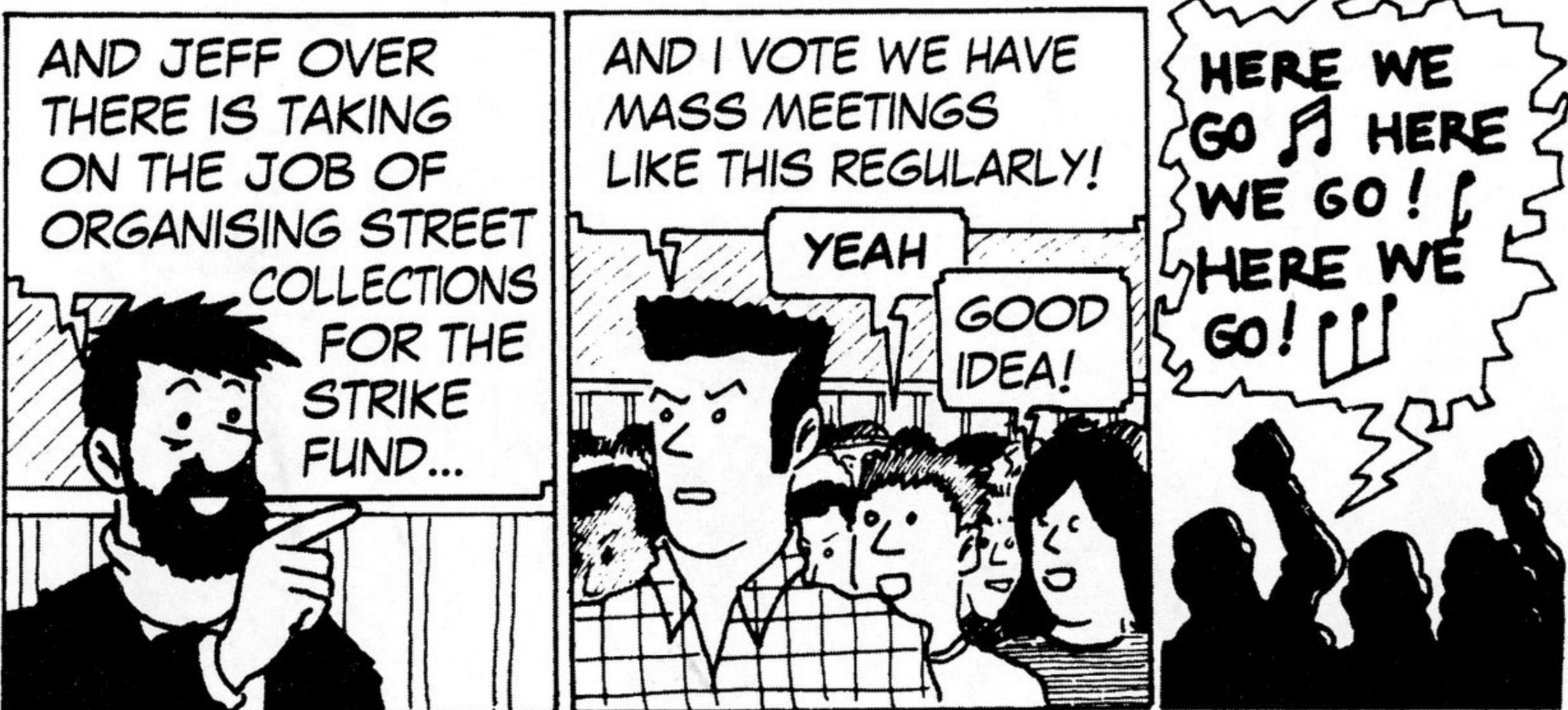
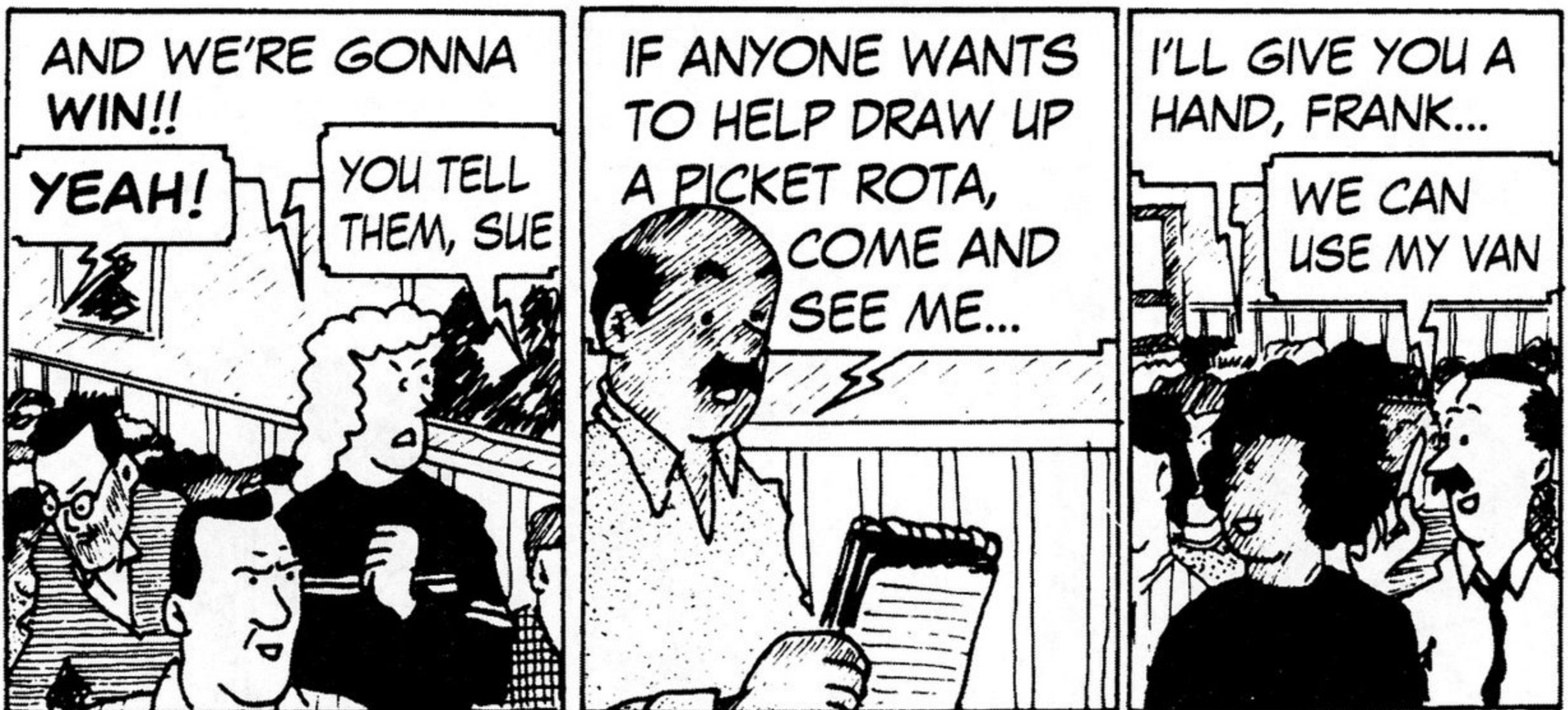
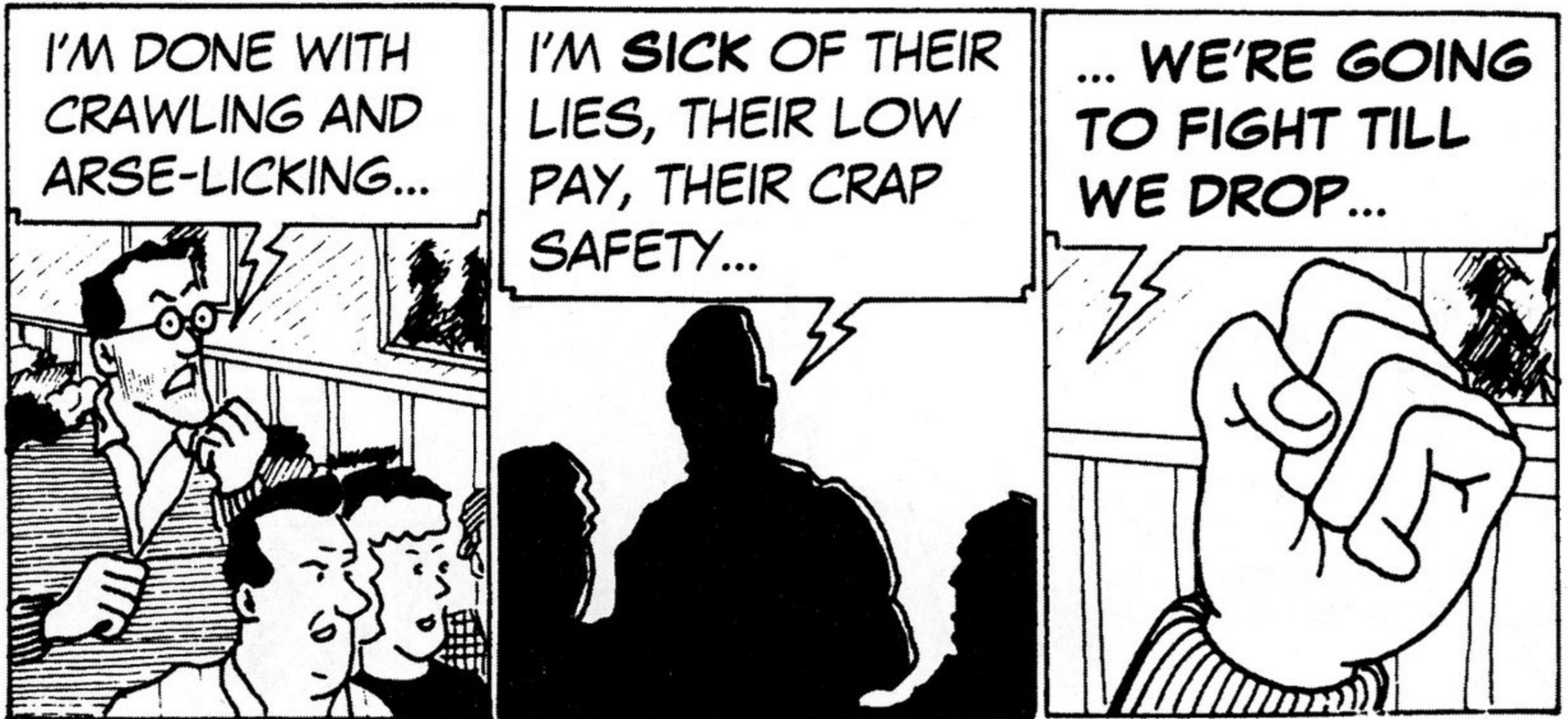


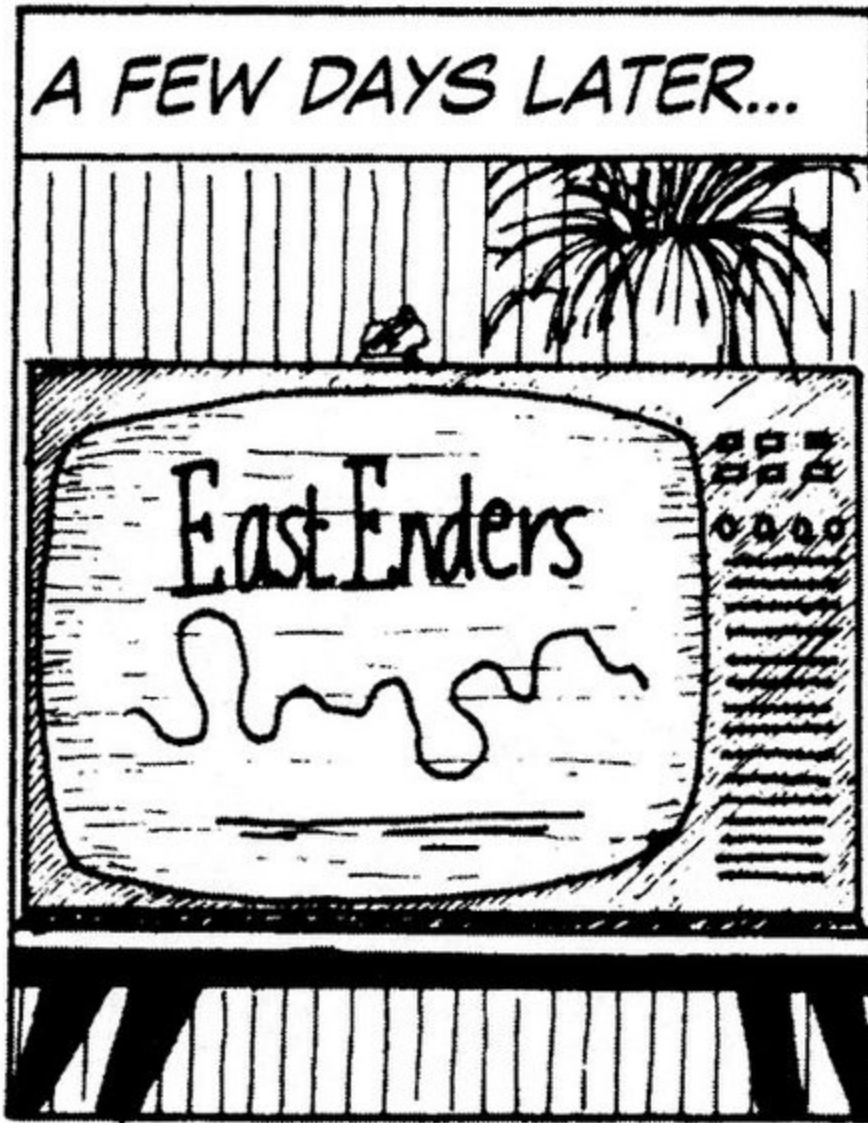
I KNOW HIM...
... AND I KNOW
HE'LL STAB US
IN THE BACK -
SAME AS HE DID
WITH THE
OVERTIME
BAN!



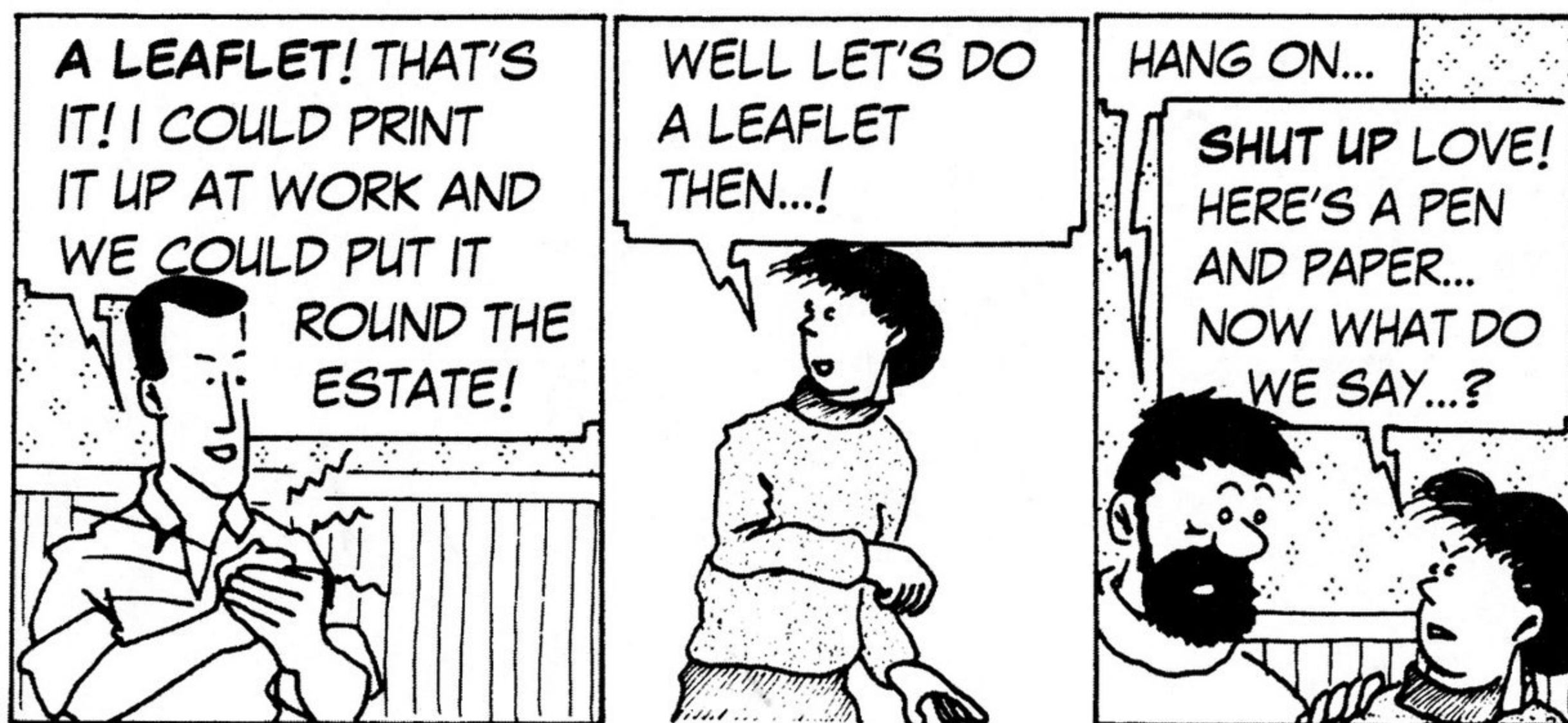
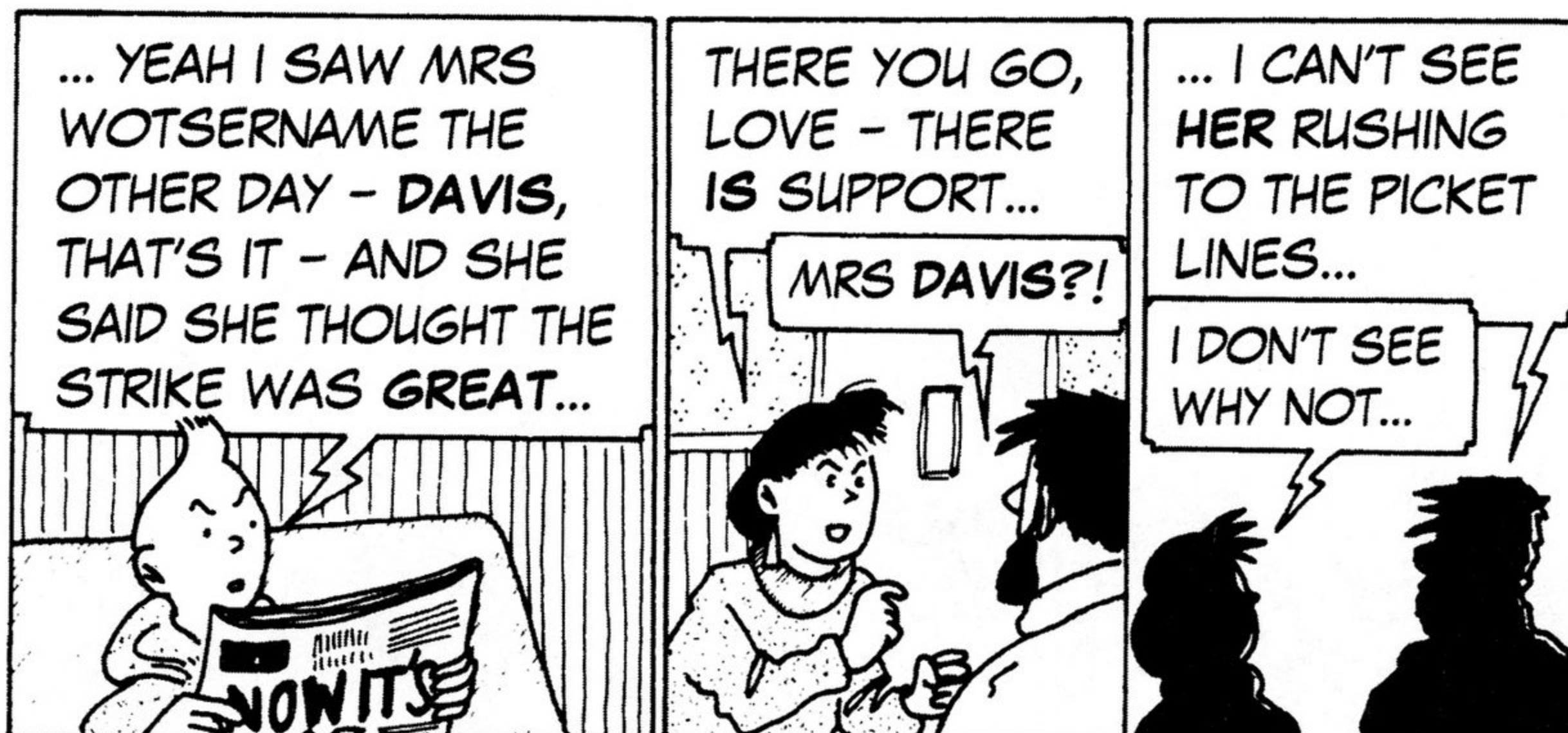


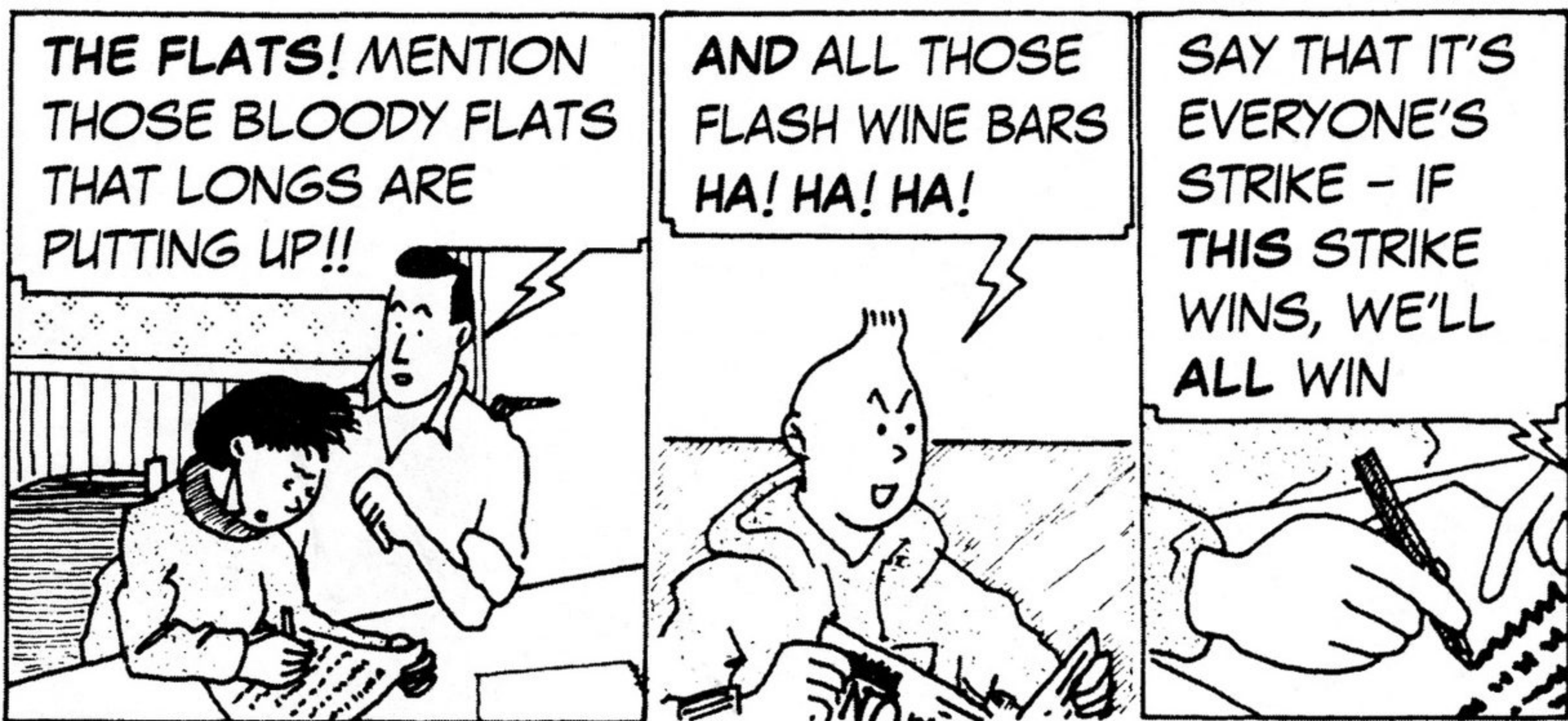
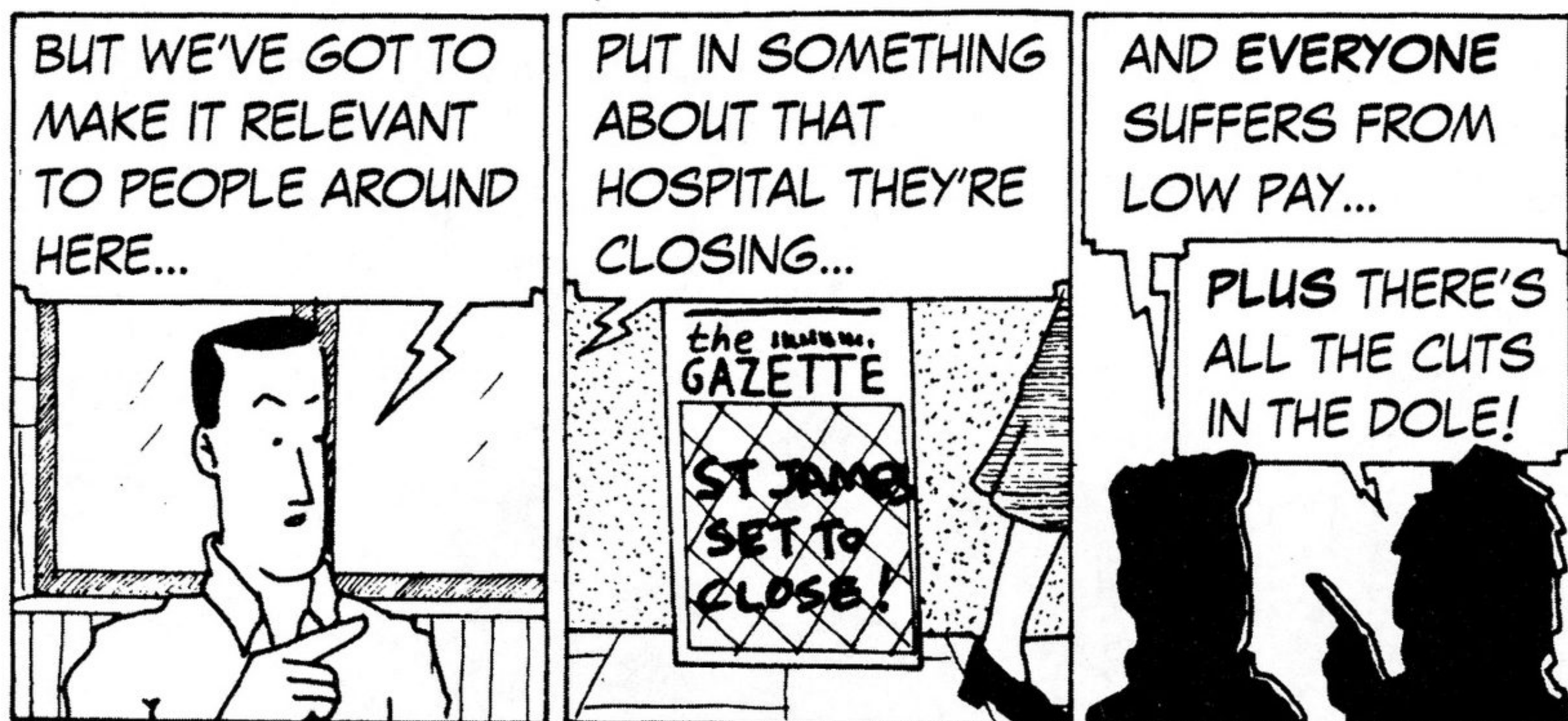
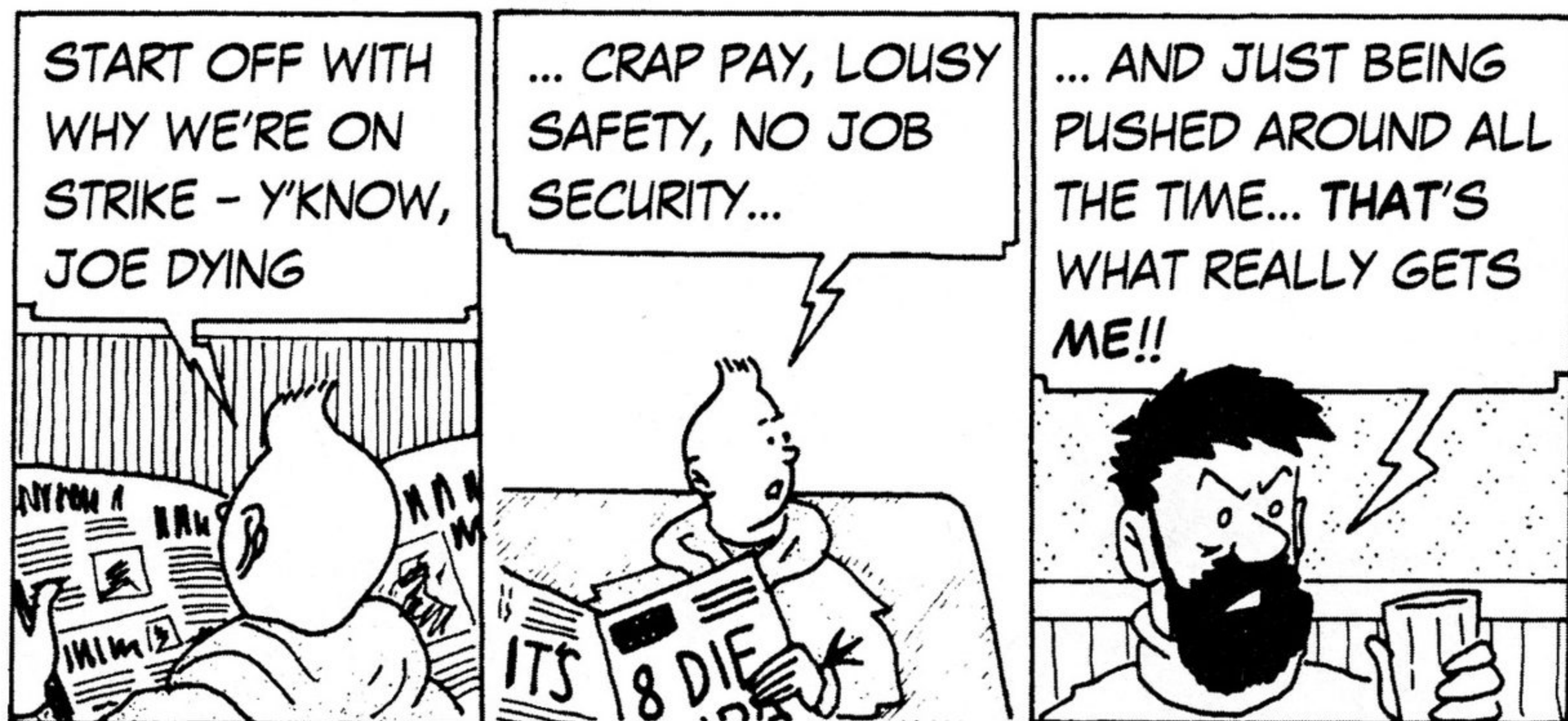












AND PUT PRACTICAL
STUFF AT THE BOTTOM
- COLLECTING MONEY
AND FOOD...



WHO TO CONTACT
ABOUT PICKETING,
WHEN THE BIG
MEETINGS ARE...



PHEW! THAT
SOUNDS LIKE
WE'VE COVERED
EVERYTHING...



RIGHT - IF I TAKE IT
NOW I CAN GET IT
TYPED UP AND START
PRINTING IT TOMORROW
OR THURSDAY...

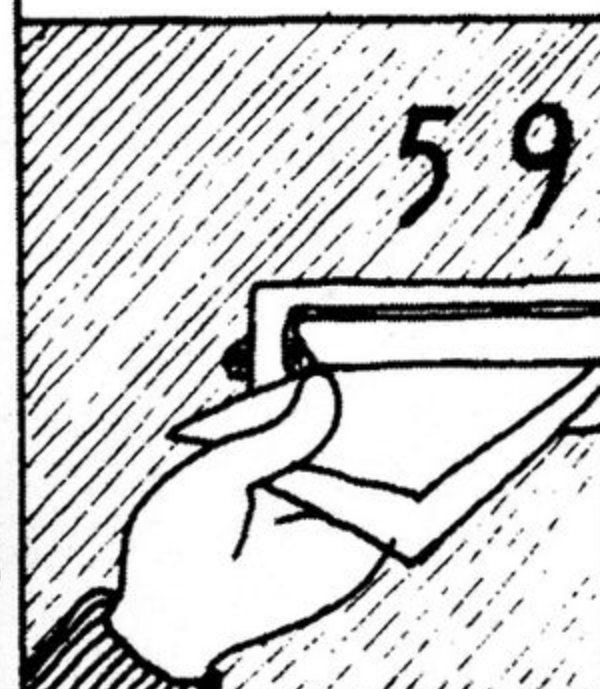


IS 3,000 COPIES
TOO MANY?

NO, THAT'S
FINE - NO
PROBLEM!



A FEW DAYS
AND 3,000
LEAFLETS
LATER...



'NO PROBLEM'?!
I'M BLOODY
SHATTERED - ALL
THOSE STAIRS!

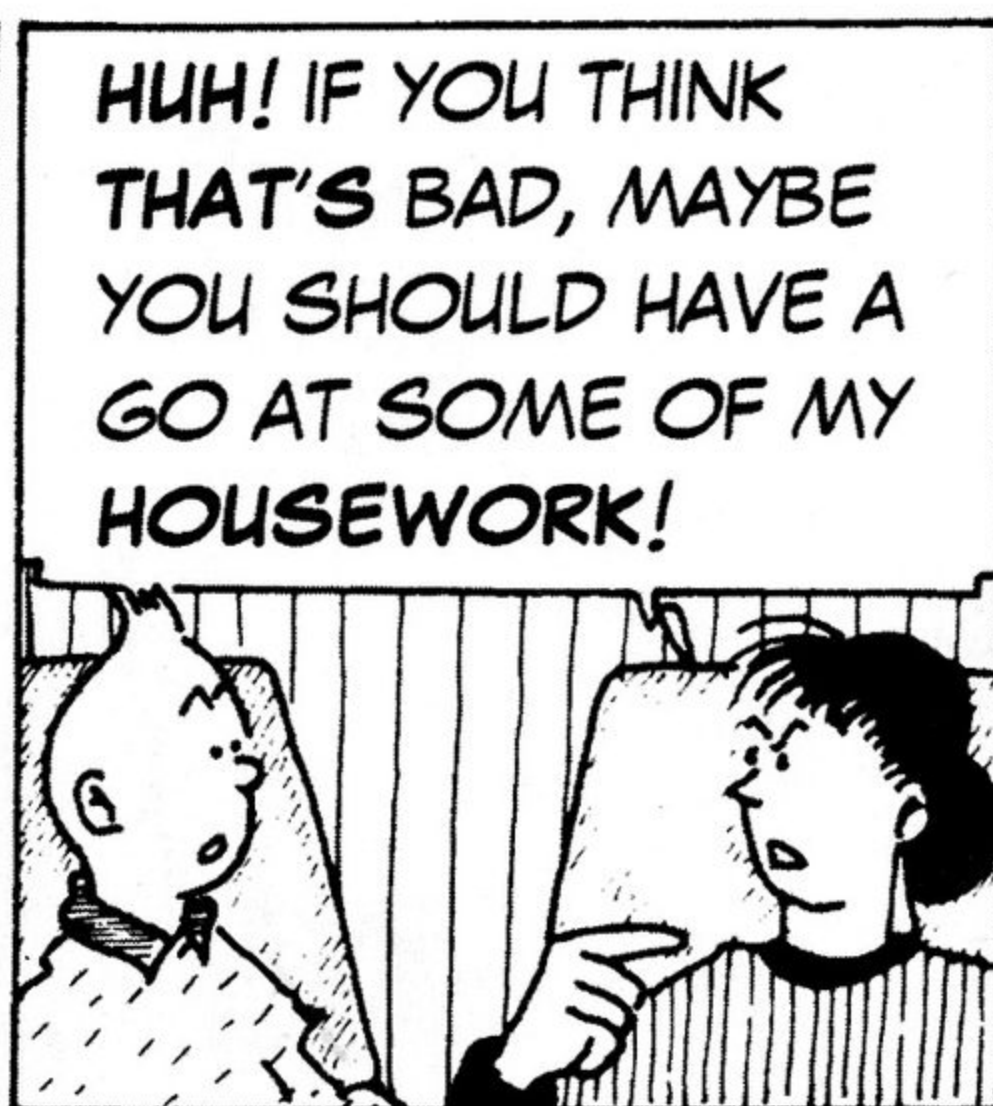
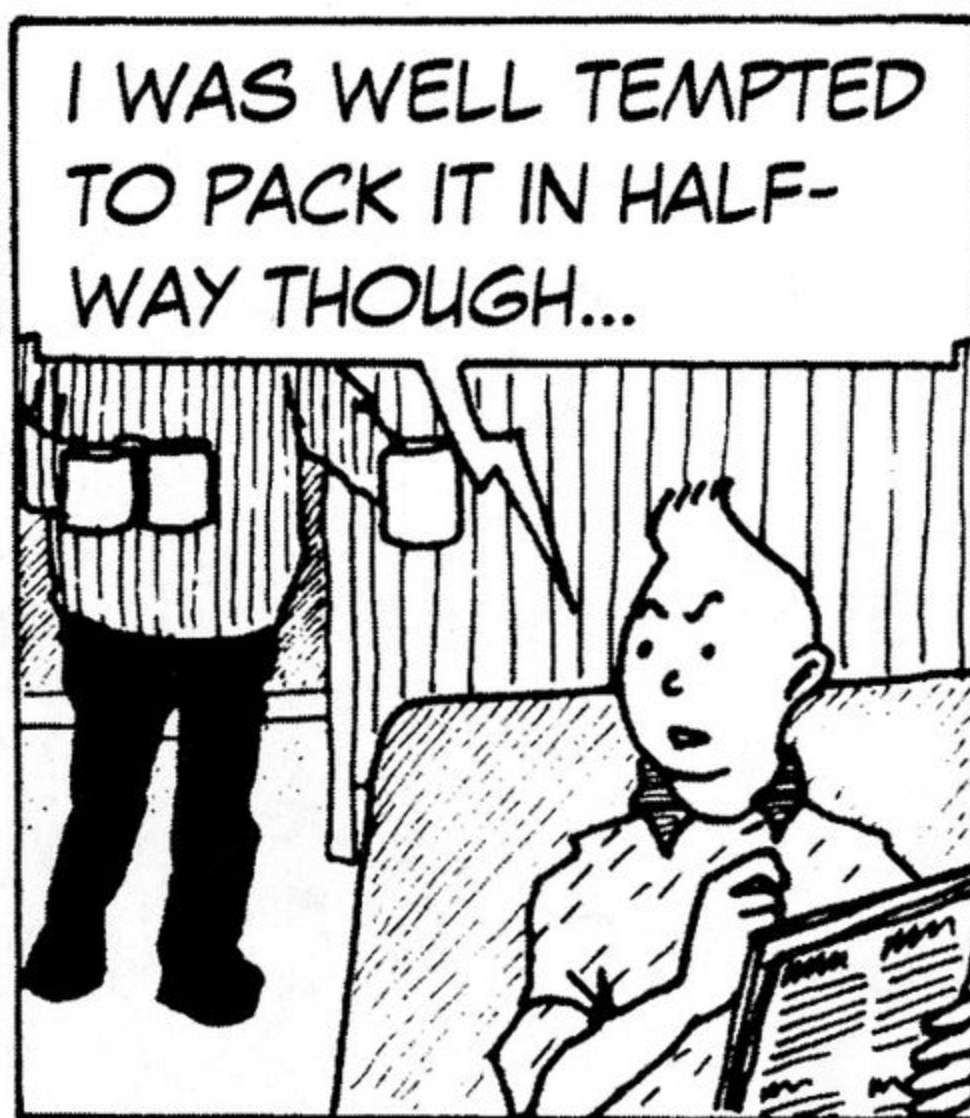
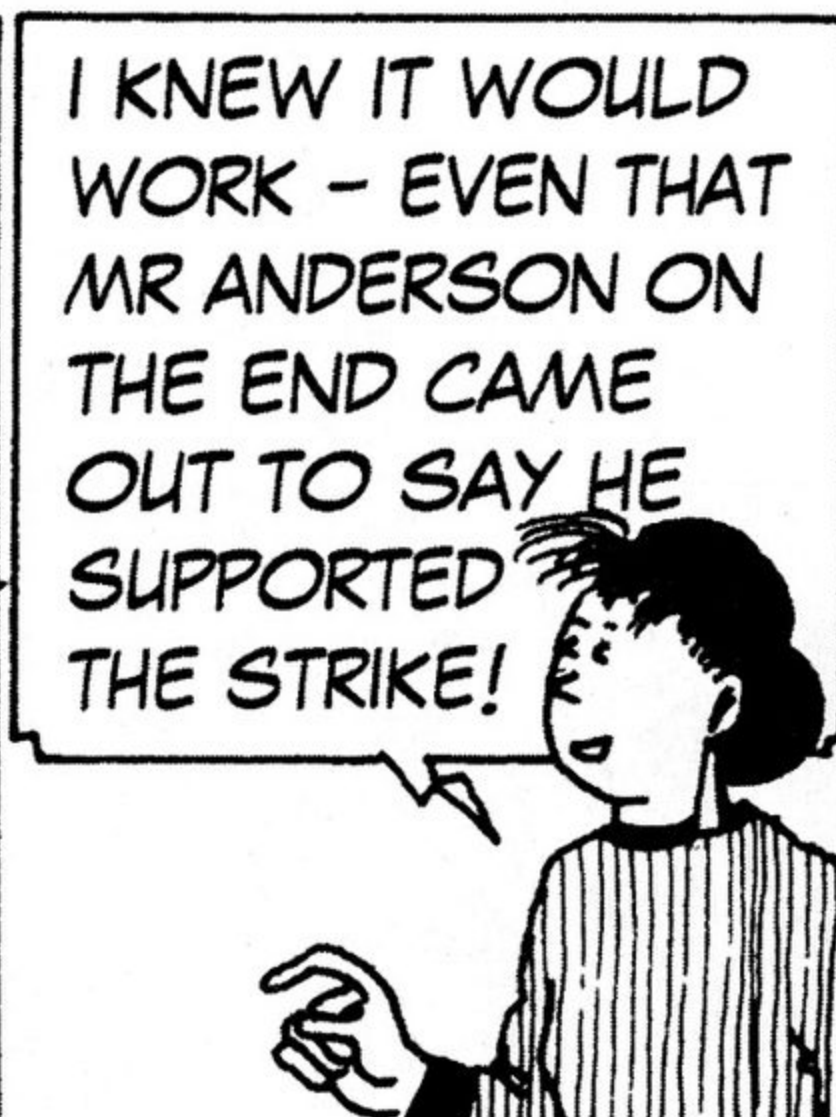


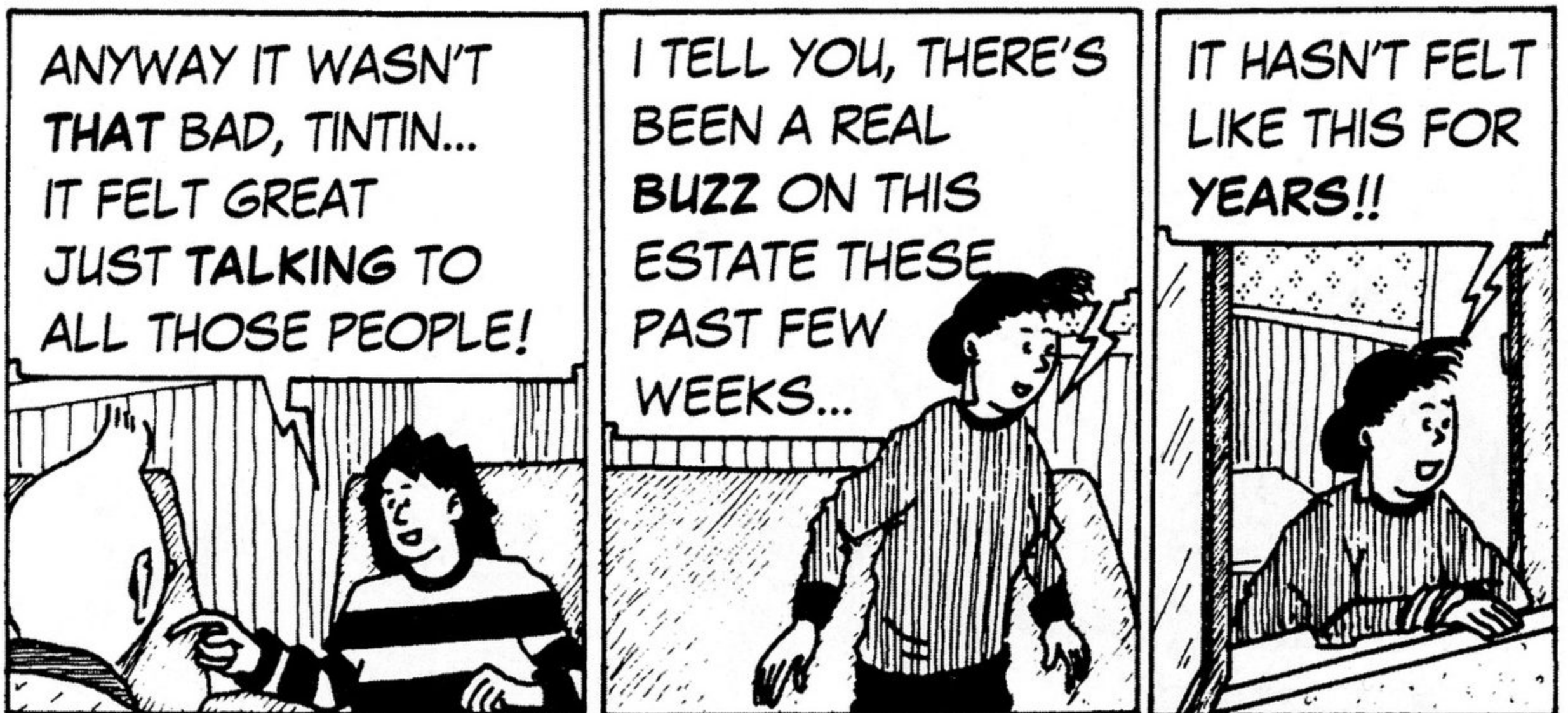
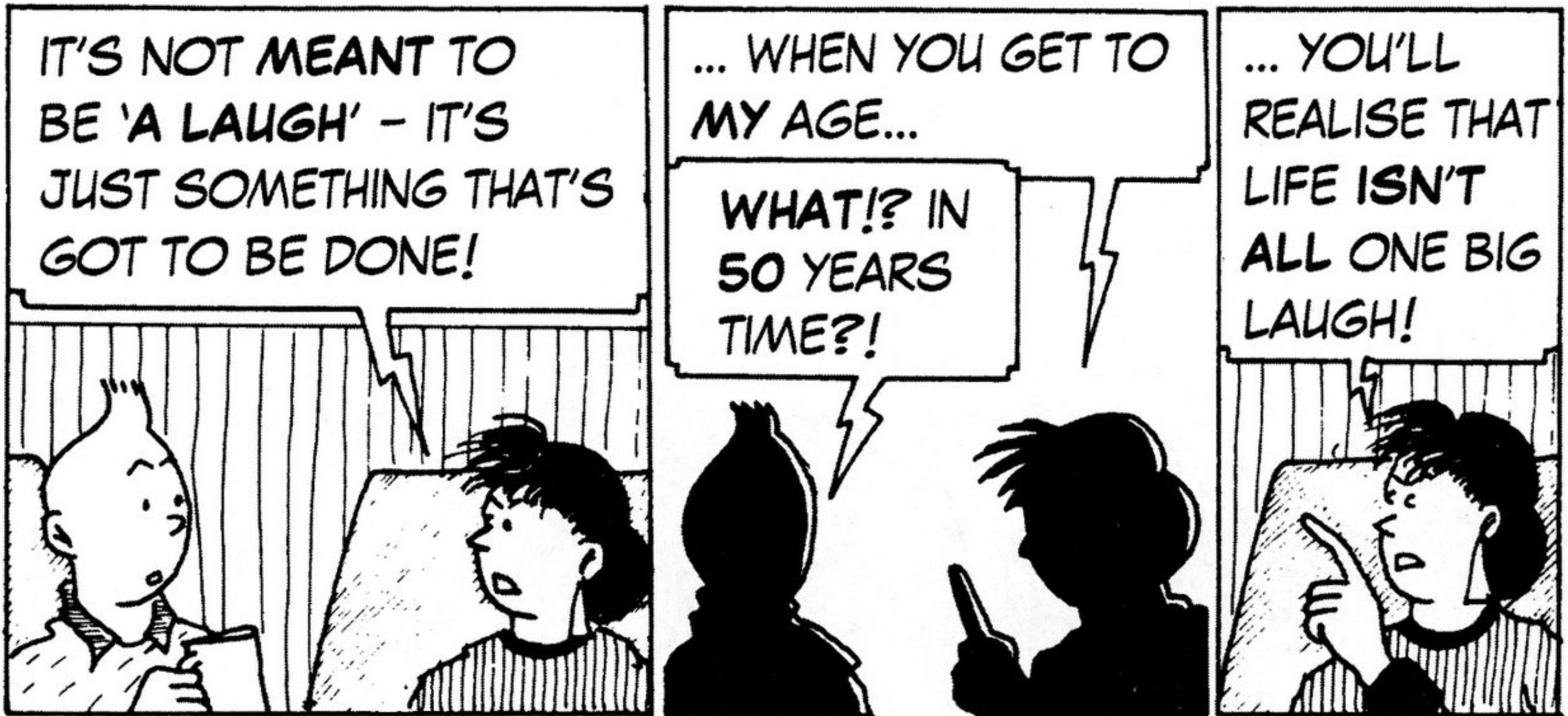
AND NOT ONE SODDING
LIFT WORKING!... STILL
IT'S WORTH IT!



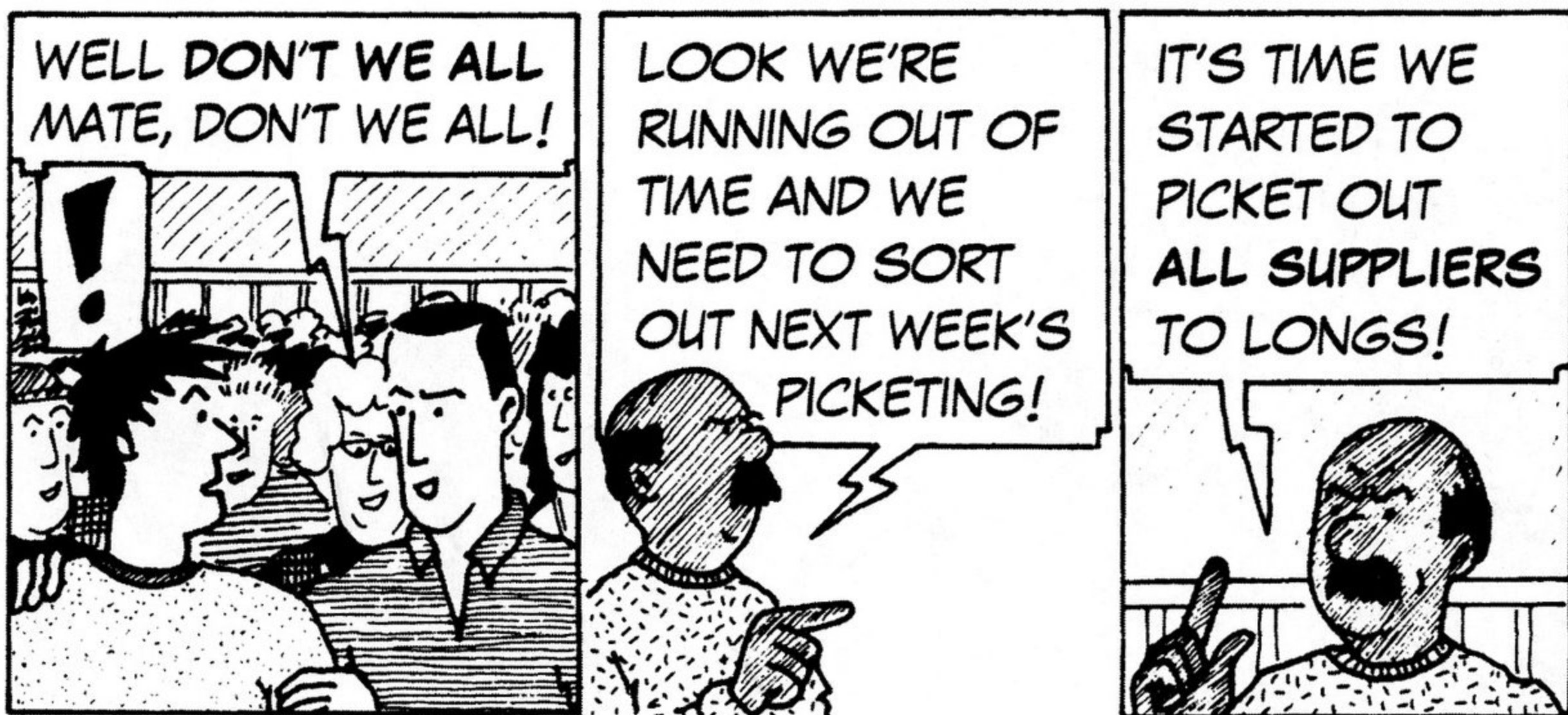
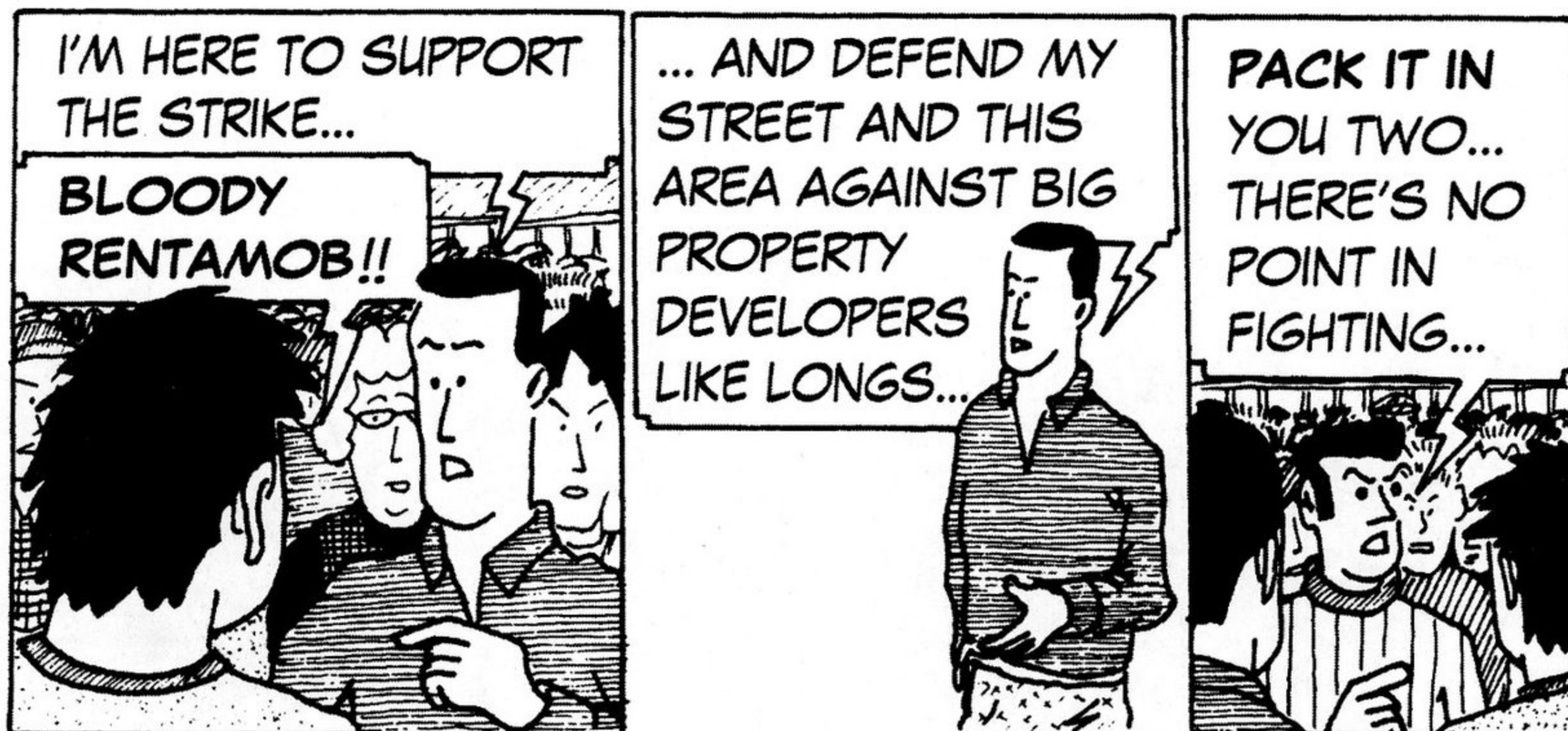
YEAH, DES MADE
A REALLY GOOD
JOB OF IT - IT
LOOKS GREAT!

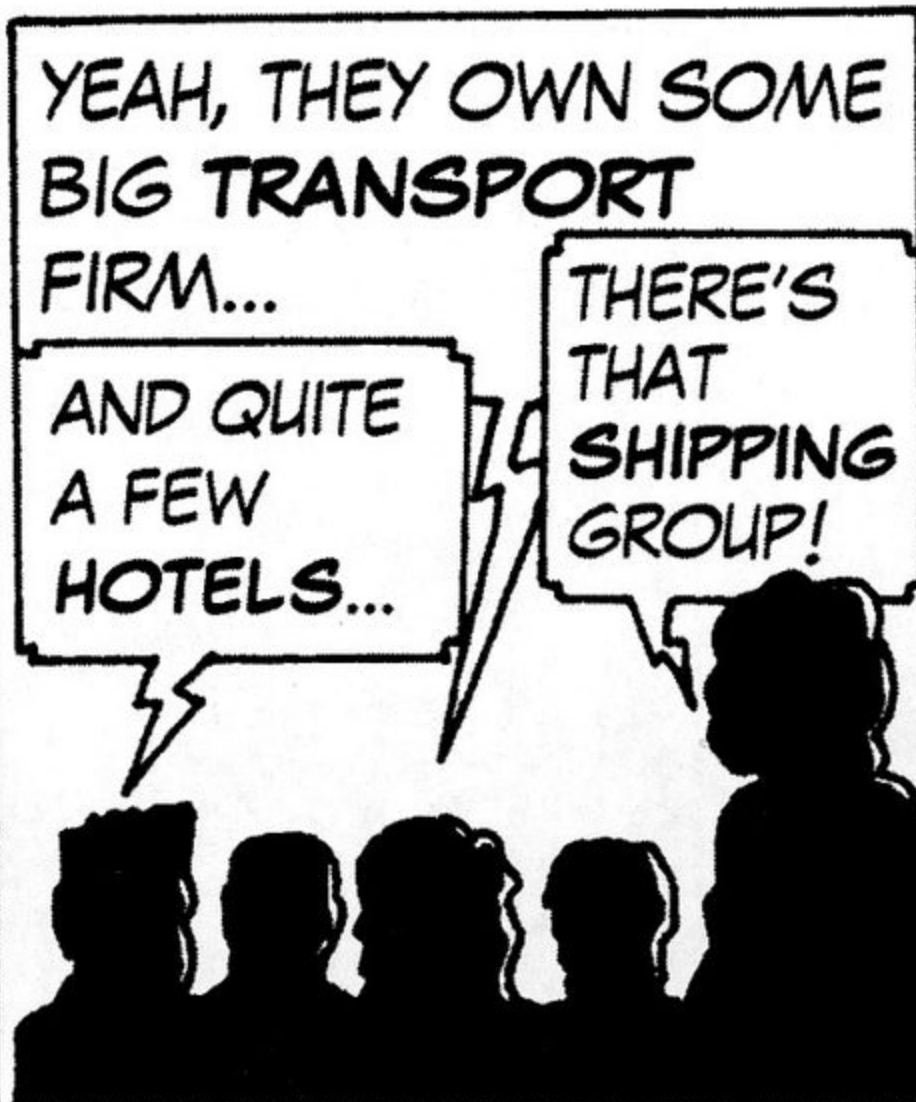




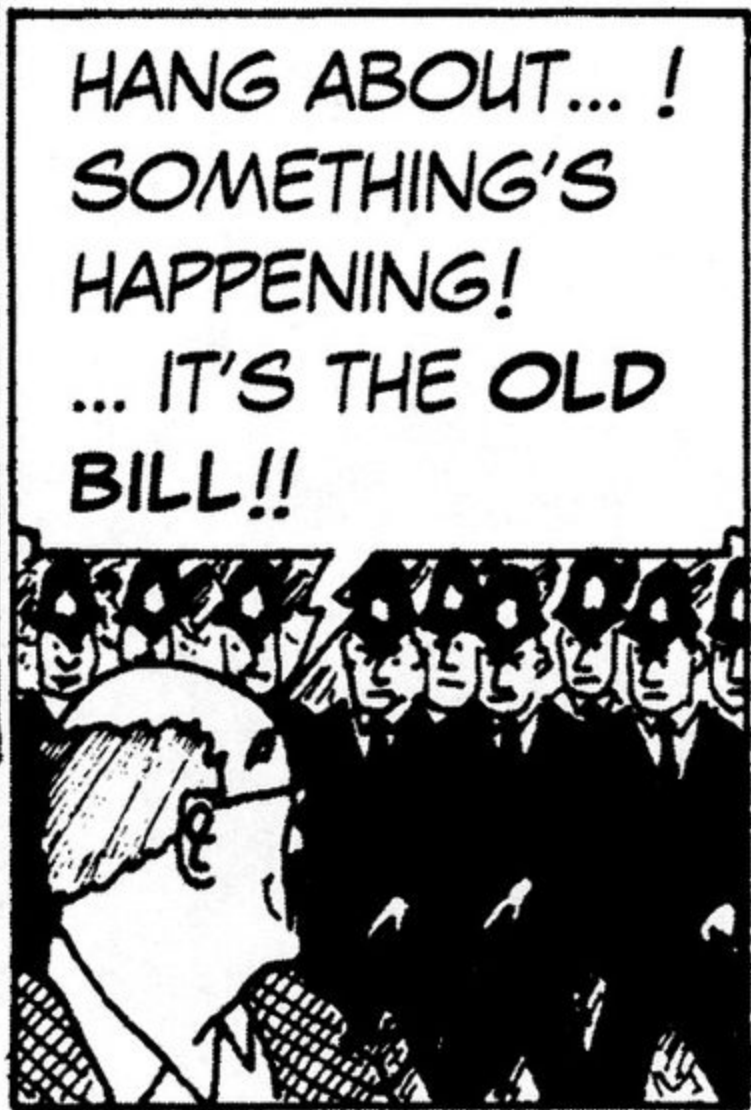
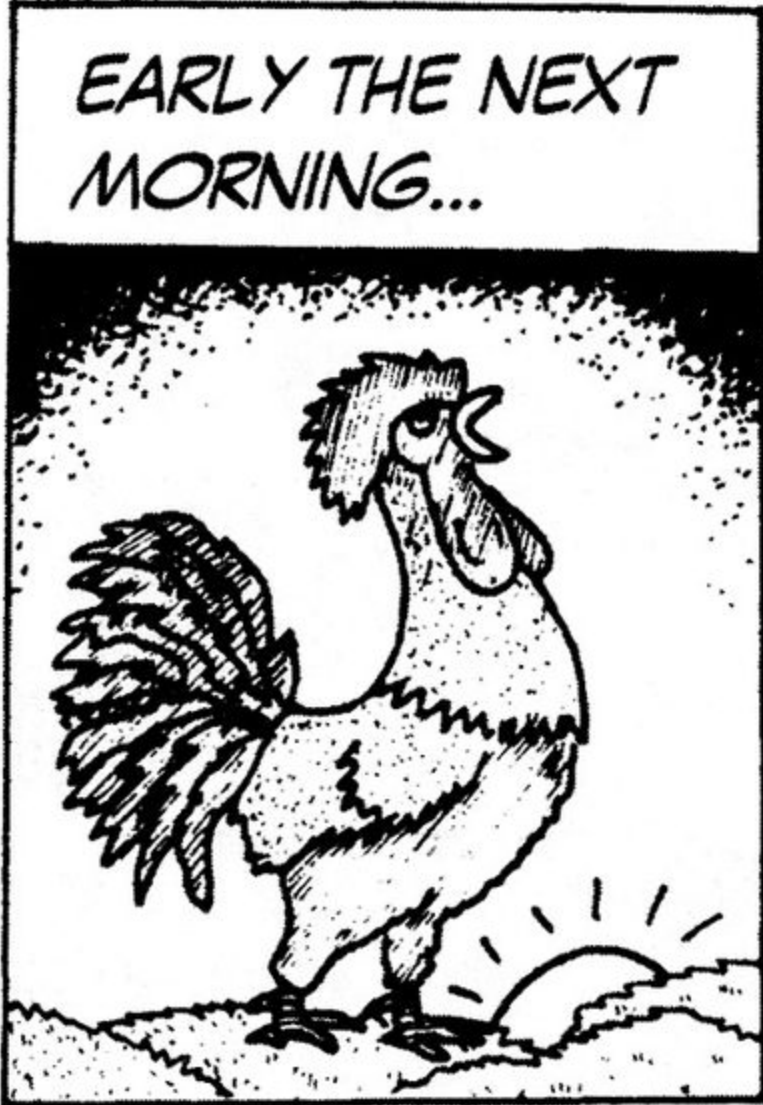


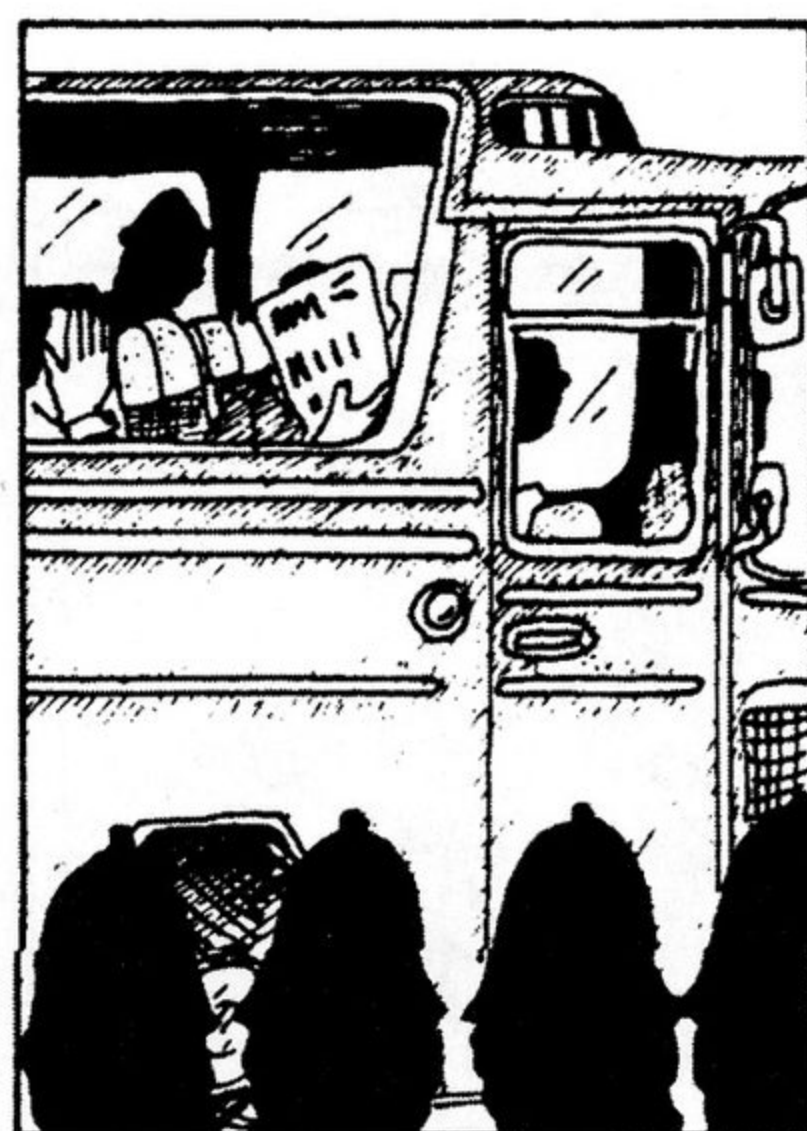


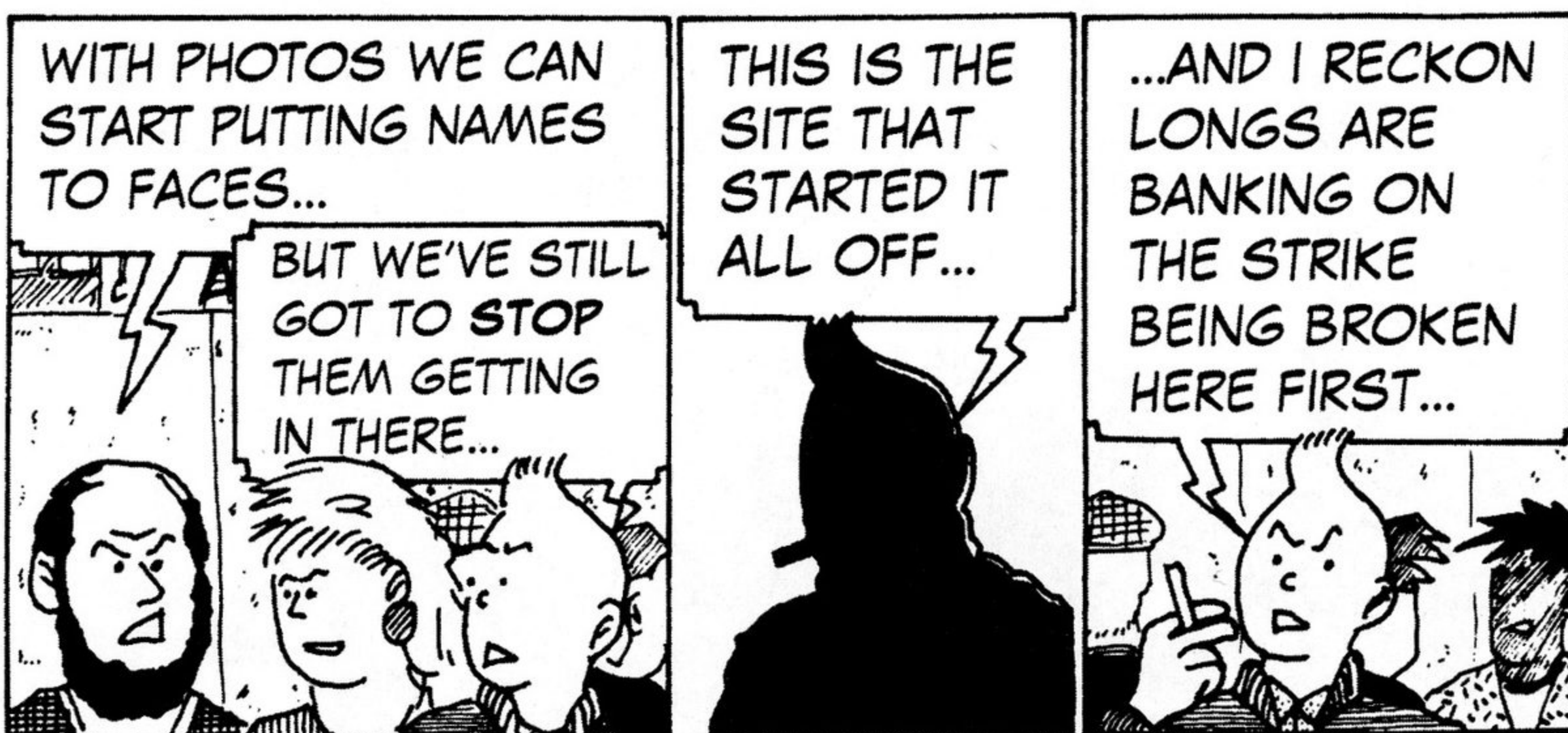


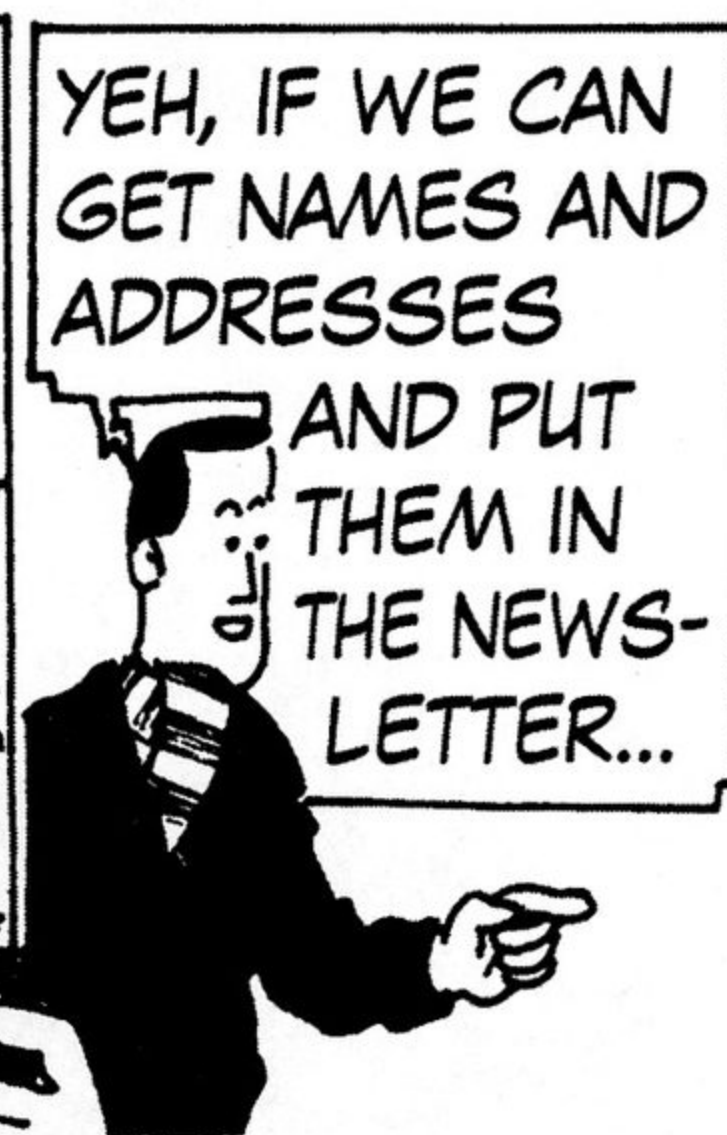












C H A P T E R • T H R E E





YEAH, BUT THERE'S STILL A HELL OF A LOT OF SUPPORT FOR THE STRIKE ROUND HERE, JIM...



THAT'S TRUE... HOPEFULLY THE NEWSLETTER WILL STIR THINGS UP A BIT...



...AND THEN THERE'S THE BIG PICKET TOMORROW...



YEAH, WHAT'S THIS ABOUT A MARCH BEFORE THE PICKET?



OH, LOADS OF HOUSES ARE DUE TO BE EVICTED NEAR THE CAVENDISH ESTATE THIS WEEK...



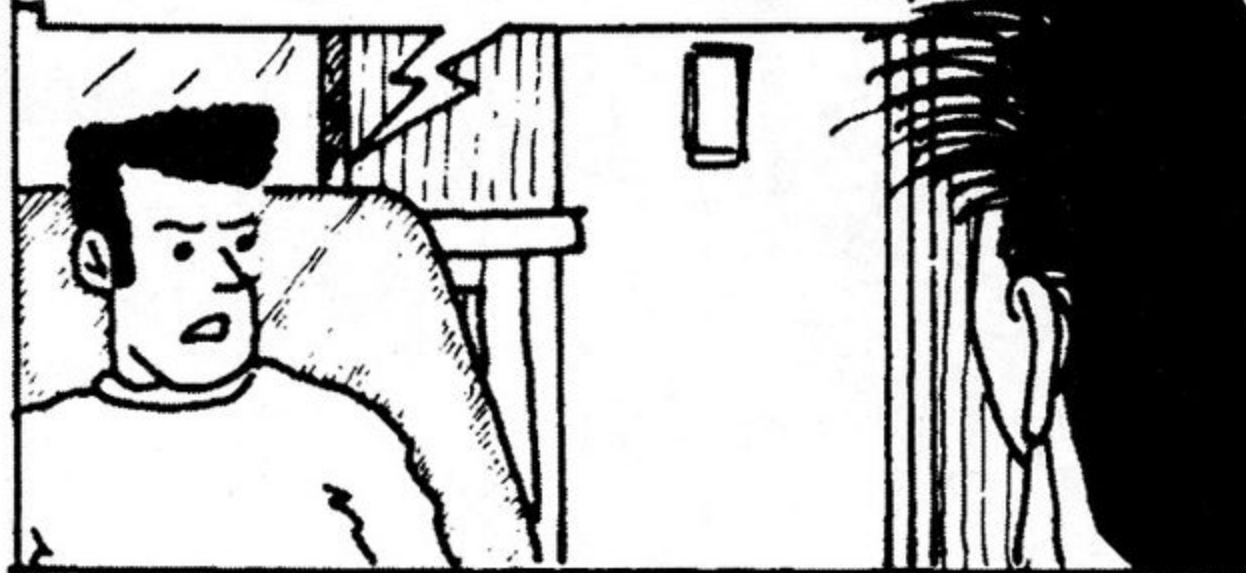
A BIG PROPERTY DEVELOPER BOUGHT 'EM CHEAP OFF THE COUNCIL



... THEY DELIBERATELY WHACKED THE RENT UP TO PUT EVERYONE IN ARREARS, SO NOW THEY CAN KICK EVERYONE OUT AND 'REDEVELOP' THE WHOLE BLOCK...



SO THERE'S GONNA BE A DEMONSTRATION THERE FIRST - AND THEN WE'LL ALL MARCH OFF DOWN TO DERBY ROAD...





I'VE LIVED IN THIS STREET ALL MY LIFE - AND I AIN'T MOVIN' NOW!



THE ONLY WAY THEY'LL GET ME OUT IS IN A WOODEN BOX!



A LOT OF THE PEOPLE ON STRIKE AT LONGS HAVE TURNED UP TODAY...



... SO IT WOULD BE NICE IF SOME OF US GO DOWN NOW TO THEIR PICKET WITH OUR BANNER...



I'M GAME, TOMMY - I'LL GIVE THEM BLACKLEGS A PIECE OF MY MIND!!



STOP THE EVICTIONS!

DECENT HOMES FOR ALL!

SUPPORT THE LONGS STRIKERS!



WHEN WE GET NEAR THE GATES, WE'RE GOING STRAIGHT THROUGH THE POLICE LINES! PASS IT ON!!



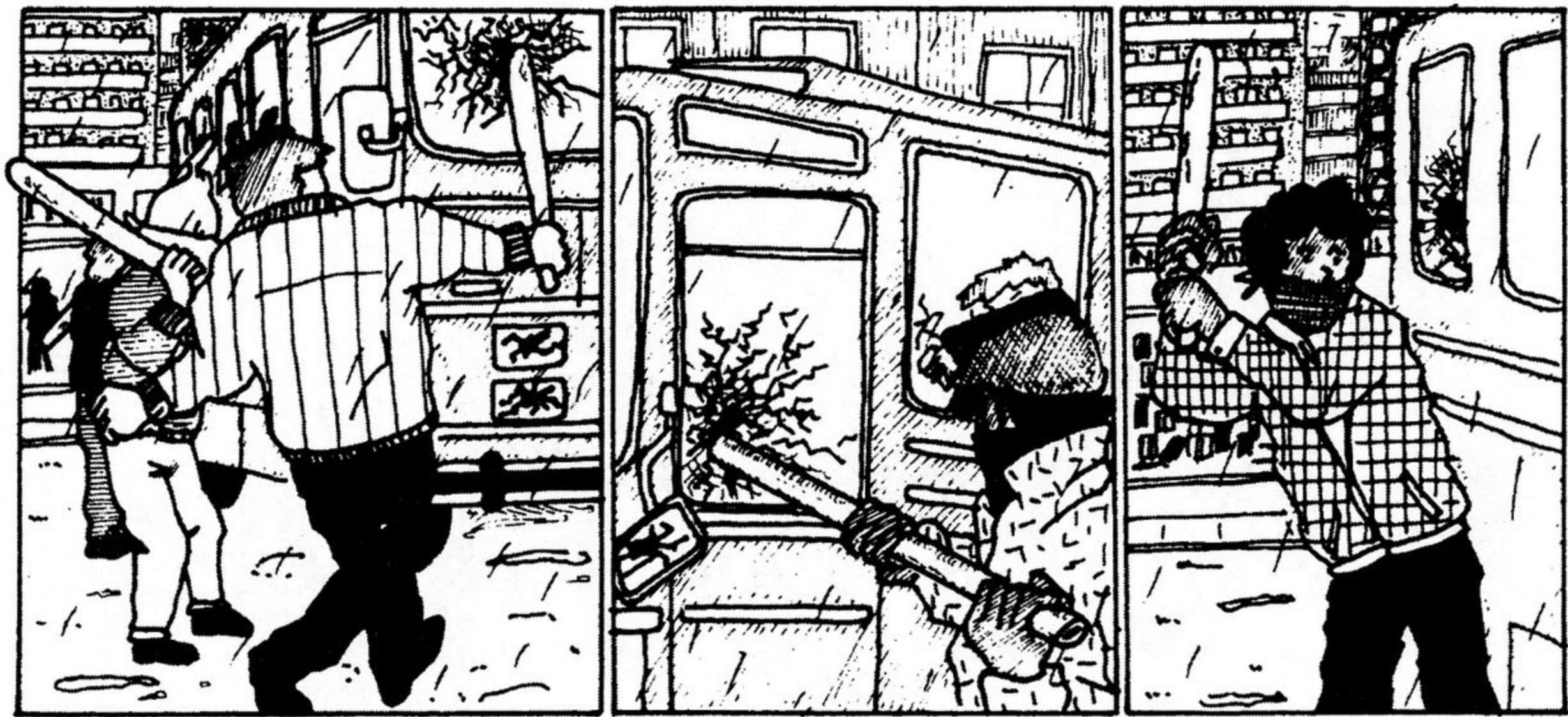












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NUMBER ONE

STRIKE CENTRE (Old Union Building) BROOKLANDS ROAD

This is the first issue of a newsletter for Longs strikers. We hope to bring it out once a week, or maybe even more regularly. We welcome all contributions, especially details of pickets, meetings, collections.

THIS STRIKE INVOLVES US ALL. IT INVOLVES THE WORKERS SACKED AT DERBY ROAD. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS ON OTHER SITES WHO ARE NOW THREATENED WITH THE SACK. IT INVOLVES ALL THE WORKERS IN OTHER LONGS COMPANIES, LIKE TRANSPORT & SHIPPING, WHO WILL BE NEXT FOR THE CHOP. IT INVOLVES ALL WORKERS EVERYWHERE WHO WILL BE SQUEEZED EVEN MORE IF THIS STRIKE FAILS. IT INVOLVES EVERYONE IN THIS AREA WHO IS FED UP OF SEEING LONGS BUILD LUXURY FLATS FOR THE RICH, WHILE THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND ST. JAMES HOSPITAL IS CLOSED FOR LACK OF MONEY... IT IS A STRIKE WE CAN WIN IF WE ALL STAND TOGETHER - SOLIDARITY IS STRENGTH!

■ At the time of writing, the strike has entered its 8th week. With each day victory draws closer. Already all major Longs sites have been totally closed down. The way to win is to stand together and **FIGHT!** The Longs management have nothing to offer us. They've sacked us, they've blacklisted us, they've thrown the full weight of the cops against us... BUT WE WON'T GO AWAY! We'll be outside those gates until we win...

ALAN JONES - GO TO HELL!

■ We want nothing from the union and their corrupt management deals. Three years ago, when the overtime ban was on, we made the mistake of trusting the likes of Alan Jones, and they sold us down the river. We won't get fooled again. We know that the heart of this strike isn't the union. It's the pickets, it's the women's support group, it's the Strike Centre, it's the street collections, it's the support we get from the community. If we stand together and fight together, how can we lose?

SCABS

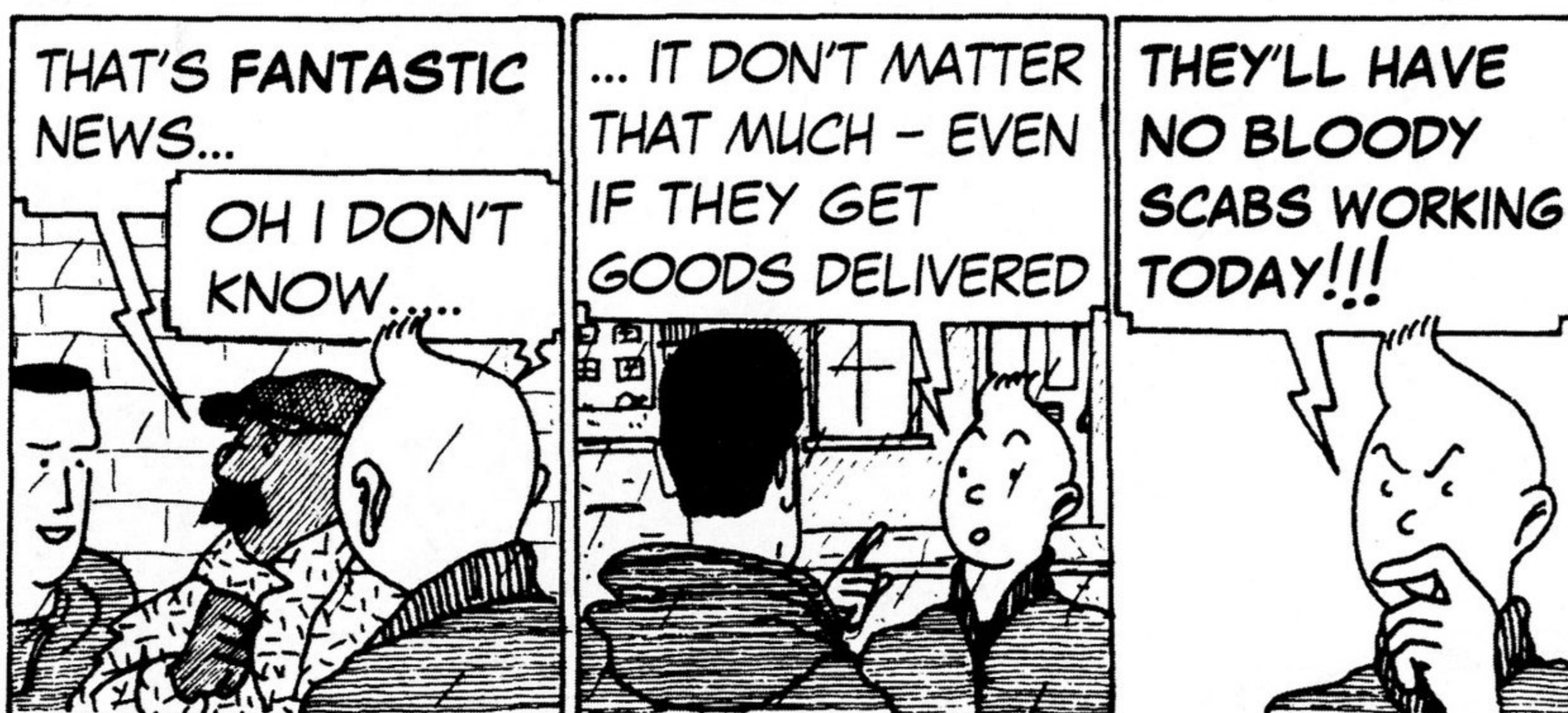
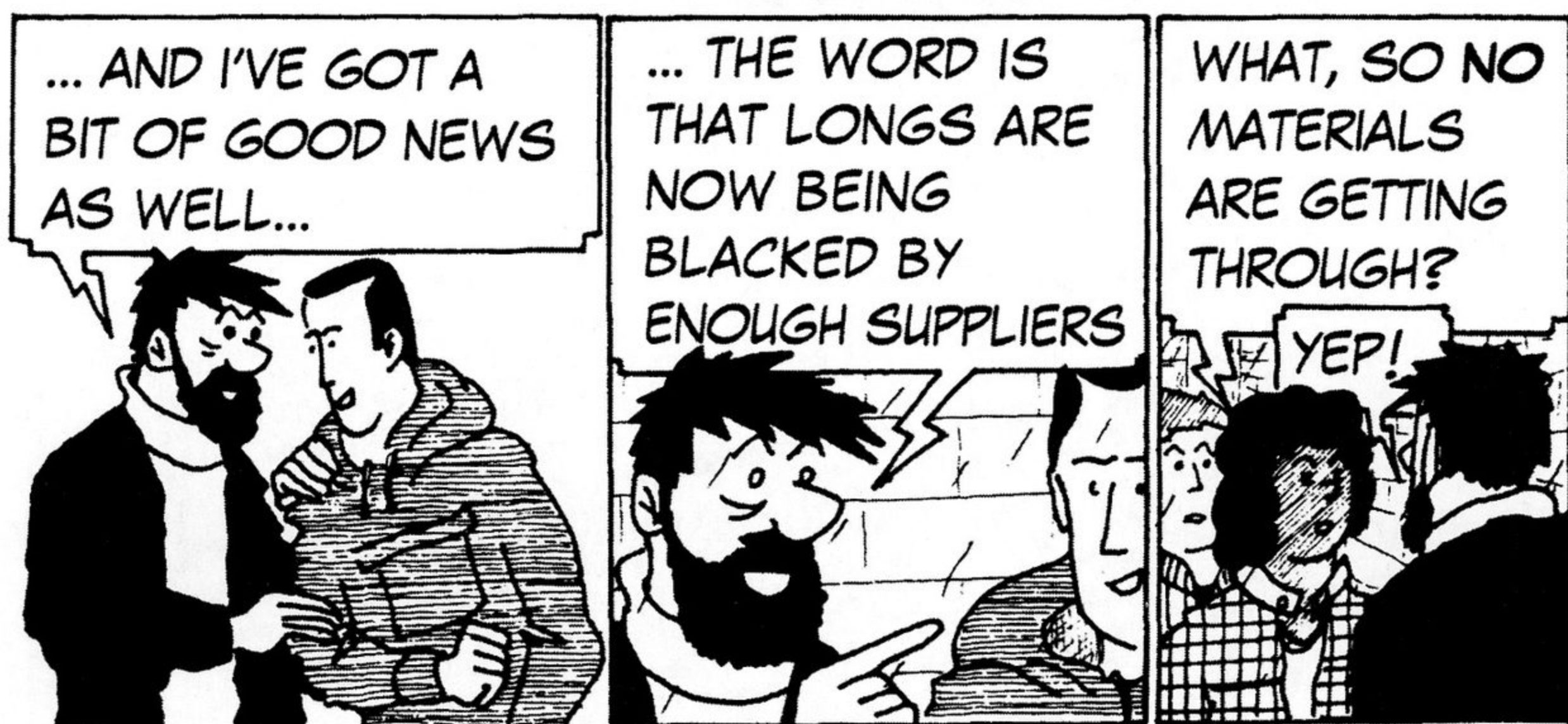
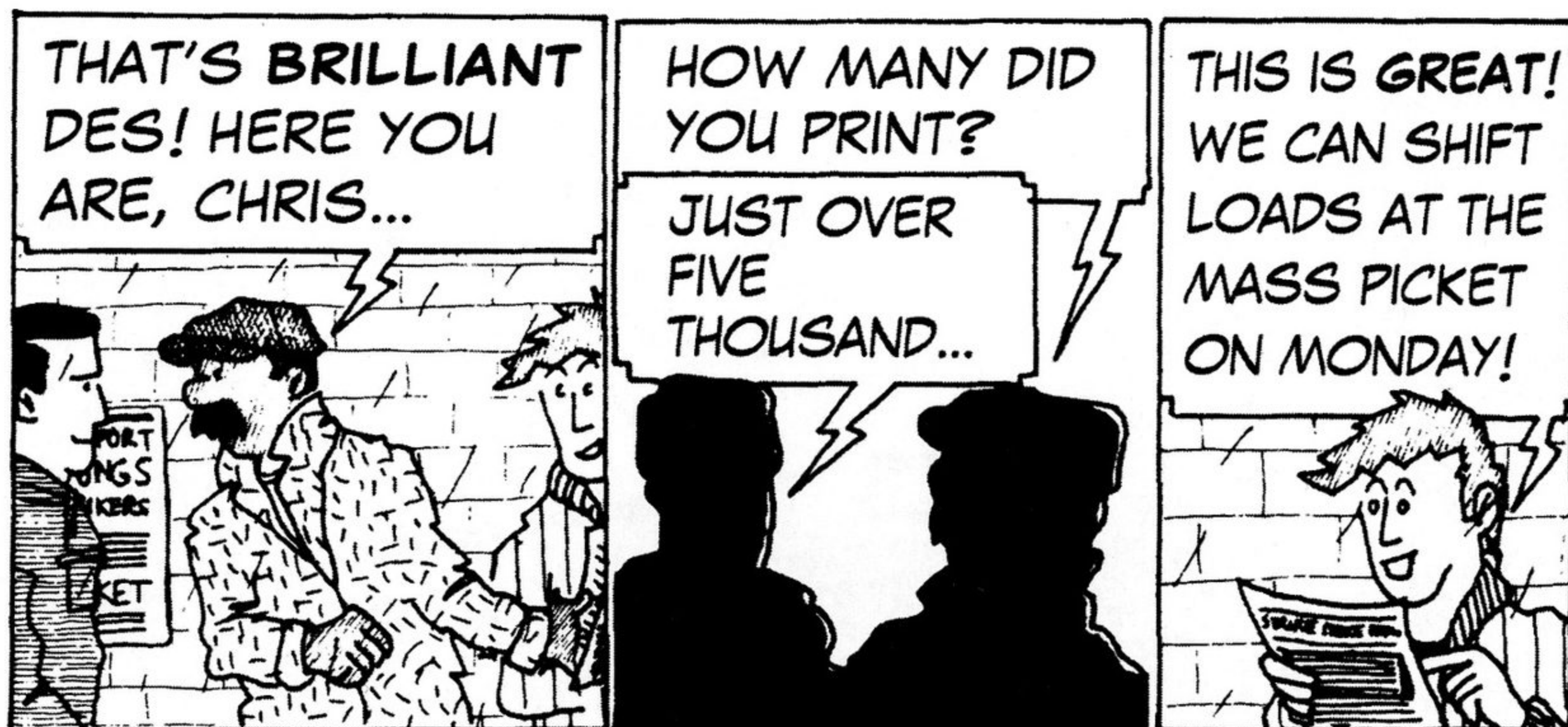
■ There are still scabs going into Derby Road. We've printed a list of their names and addresses overleaf. Why not give them a ring and let them know what you think of scum who will sell their mates for thirty pieces of silver?

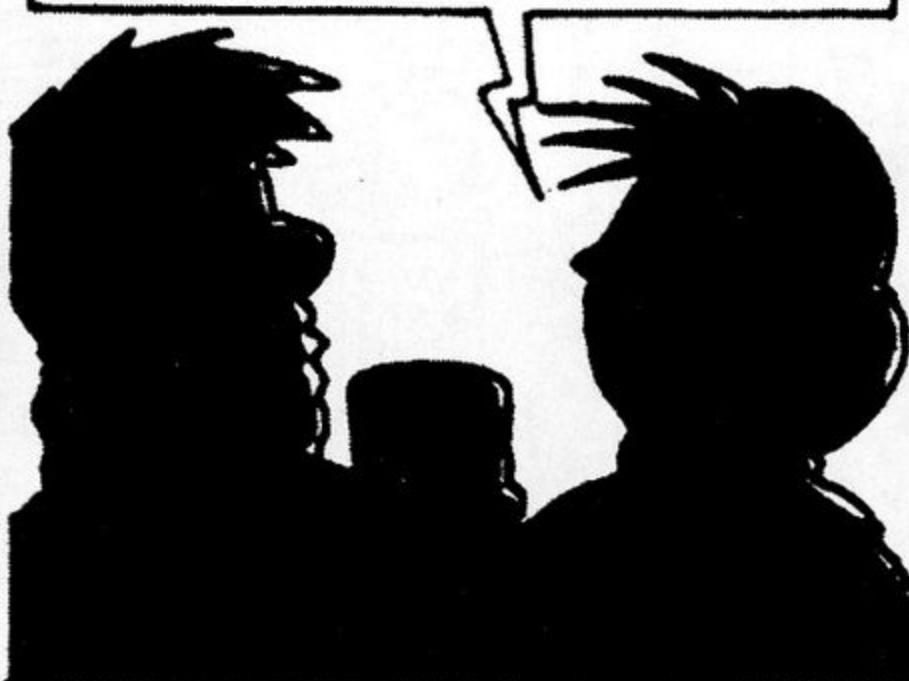
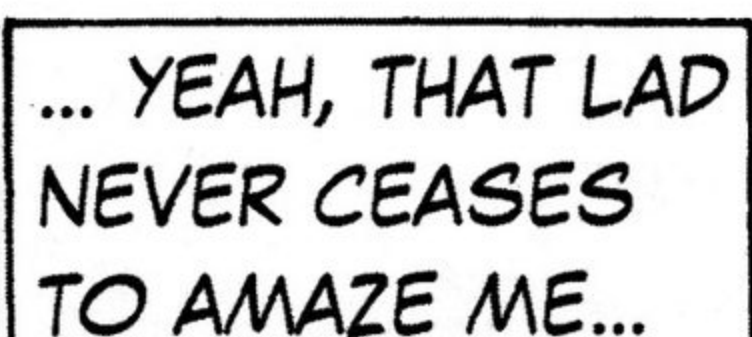
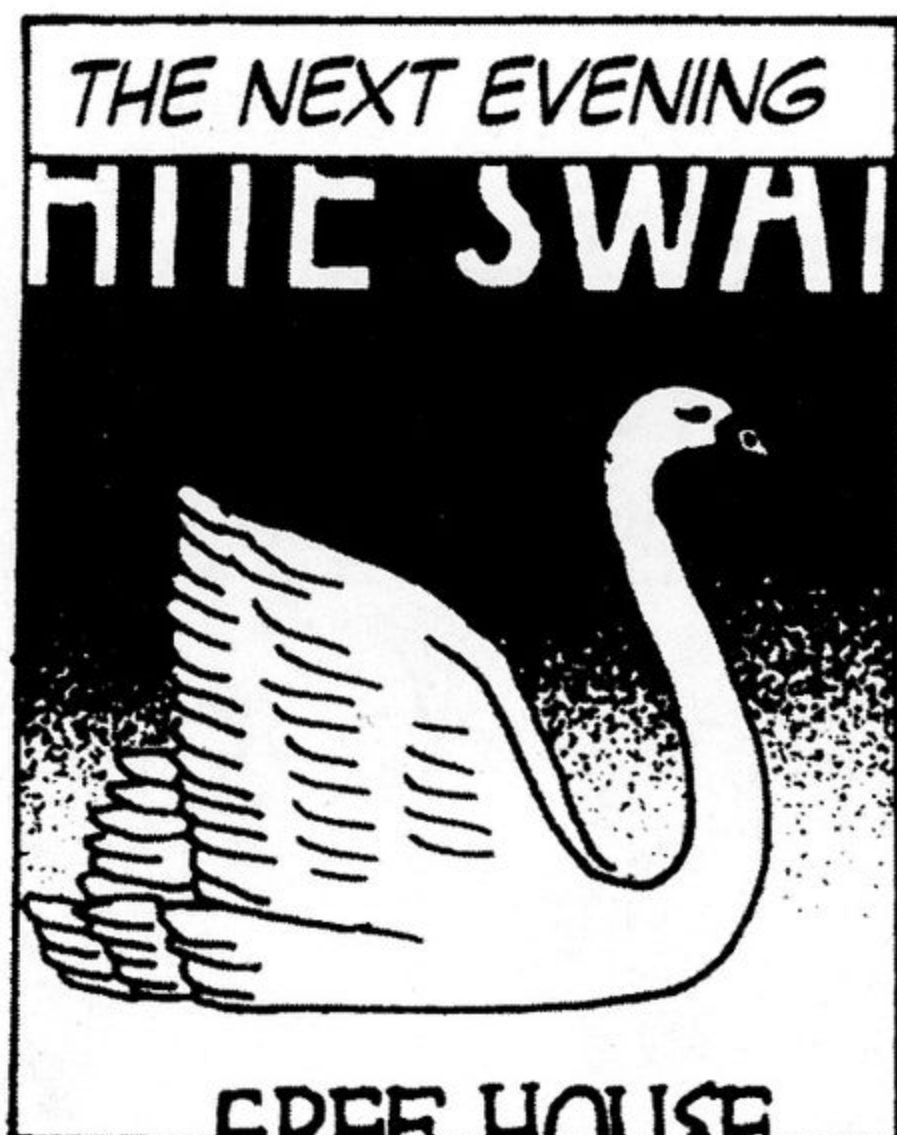
PICKETS

■ There is a picket of the Derby Road site every day at 6am and 5pm. Other pickets of the day are posted on the noticeboard in the entrance hall to the Strike Centre.

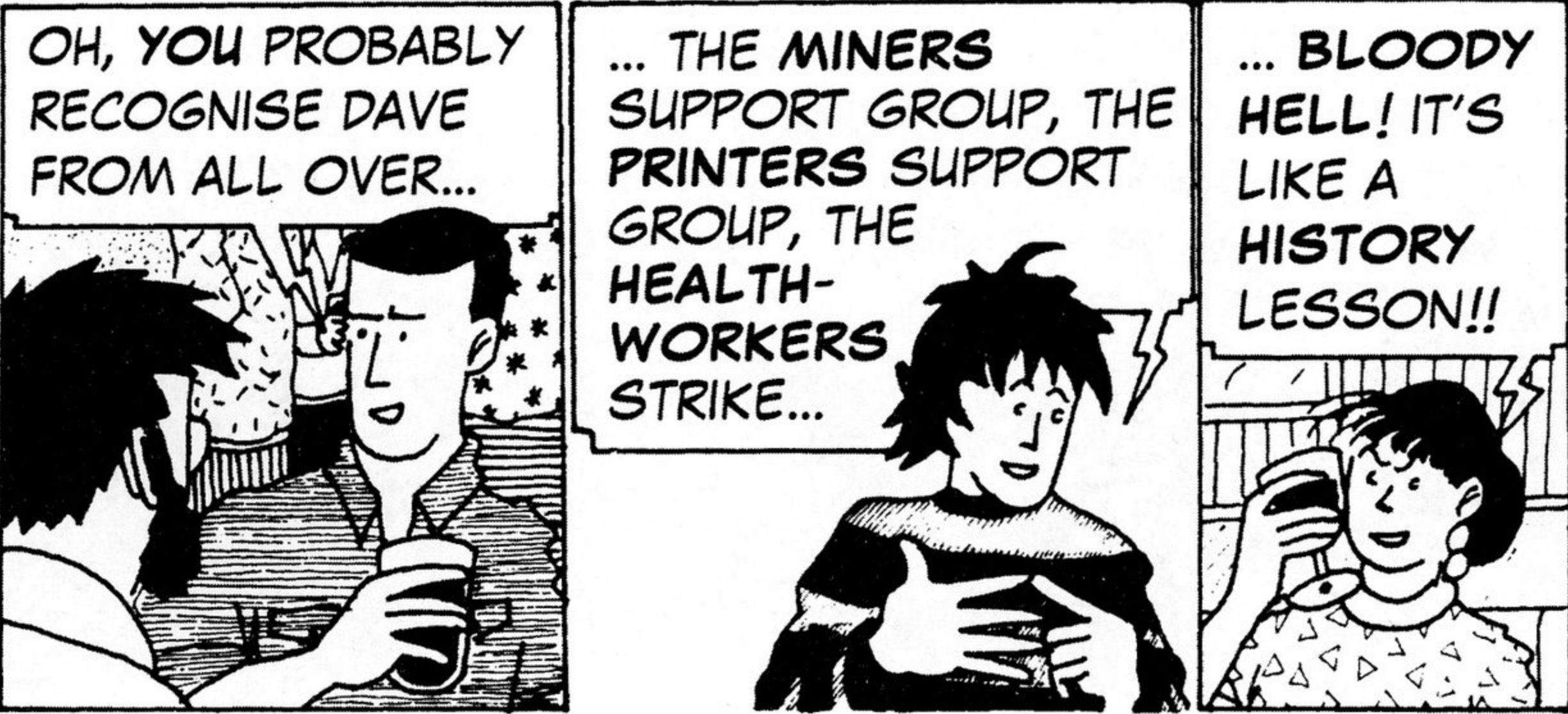
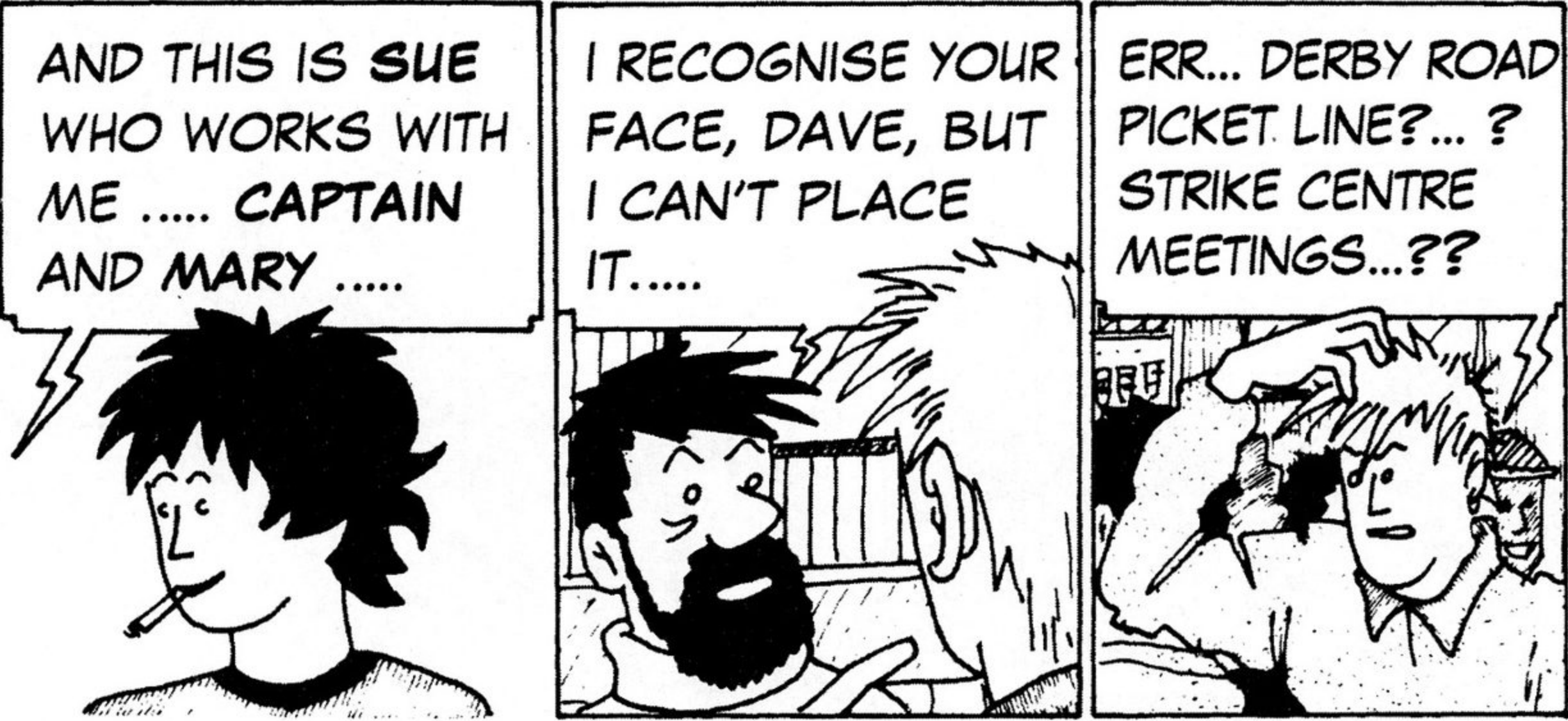
■ We have heard that several members of the National Front have been seen on the Derby Road picket line. We have only one message for them: **PISS OFF!** And if you know what's good for you, you won't show your faces round here again...

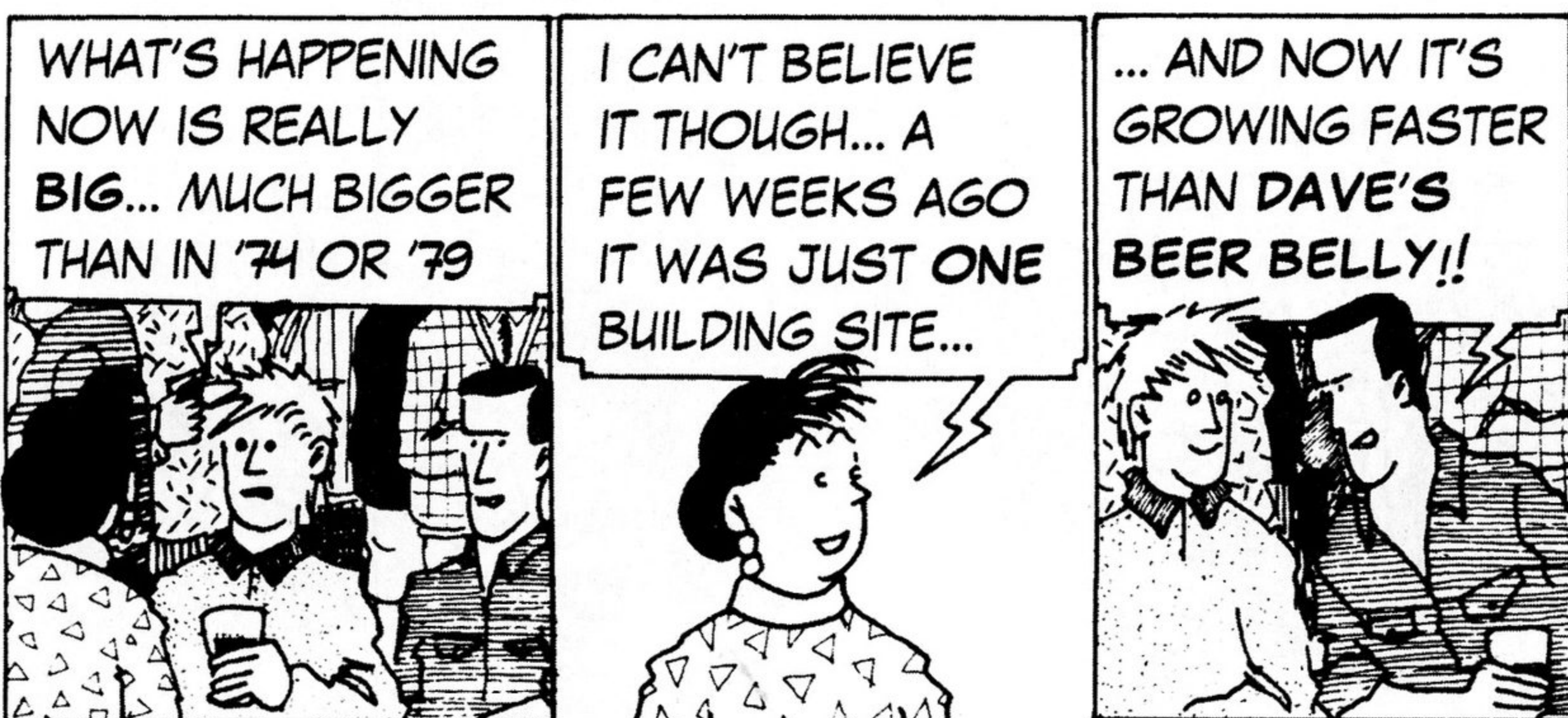
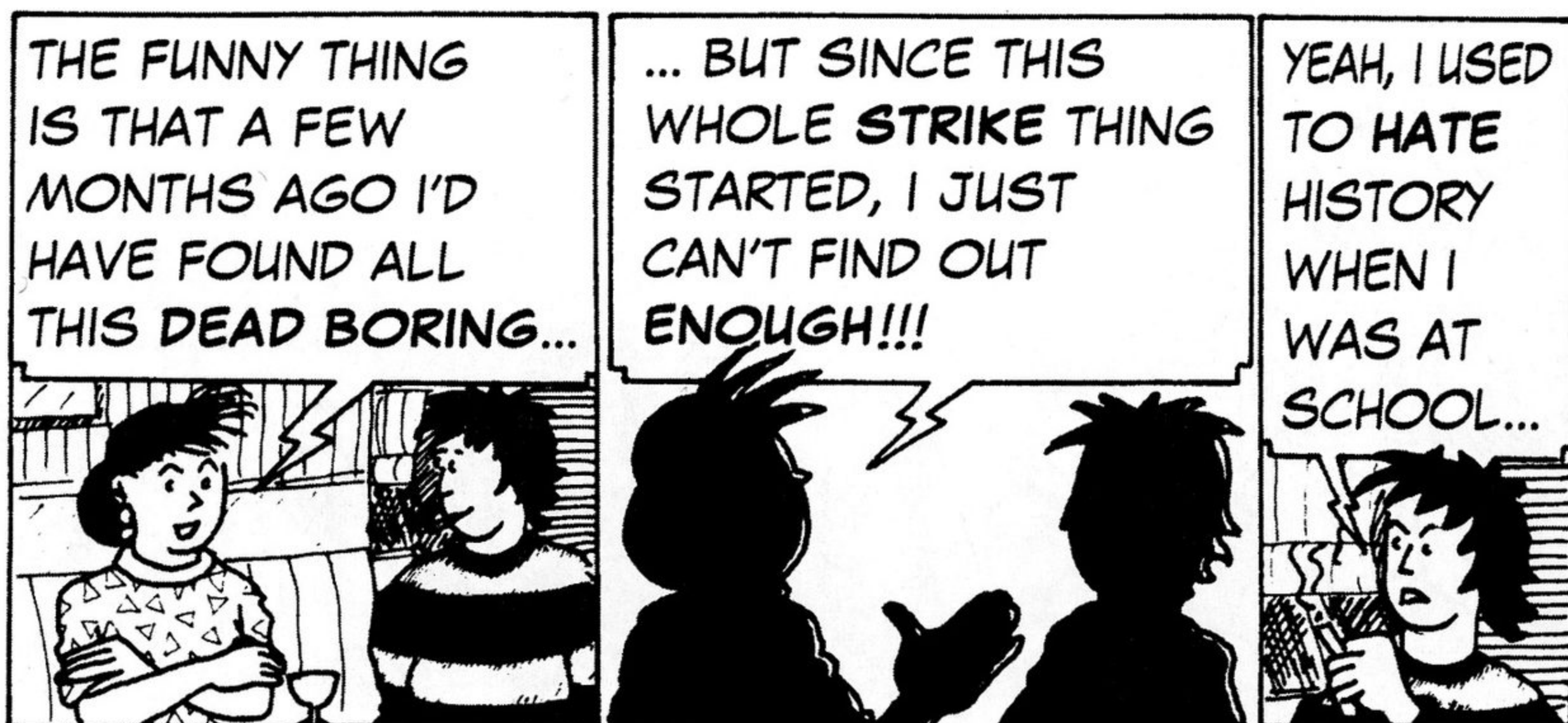
■ **STOP PRESS...** TUESDAY'S MASS PICKET OF DERBY ROAD WAS A SUCCESS...WE TOOK THE GATE EASILY...POOR PLOD DIDN'T KNOW WHAT HIT HIM...THE SCABS GOT TURNED BACK...LET'S DO IT EVEN BETTER ON WEDNESDAY!

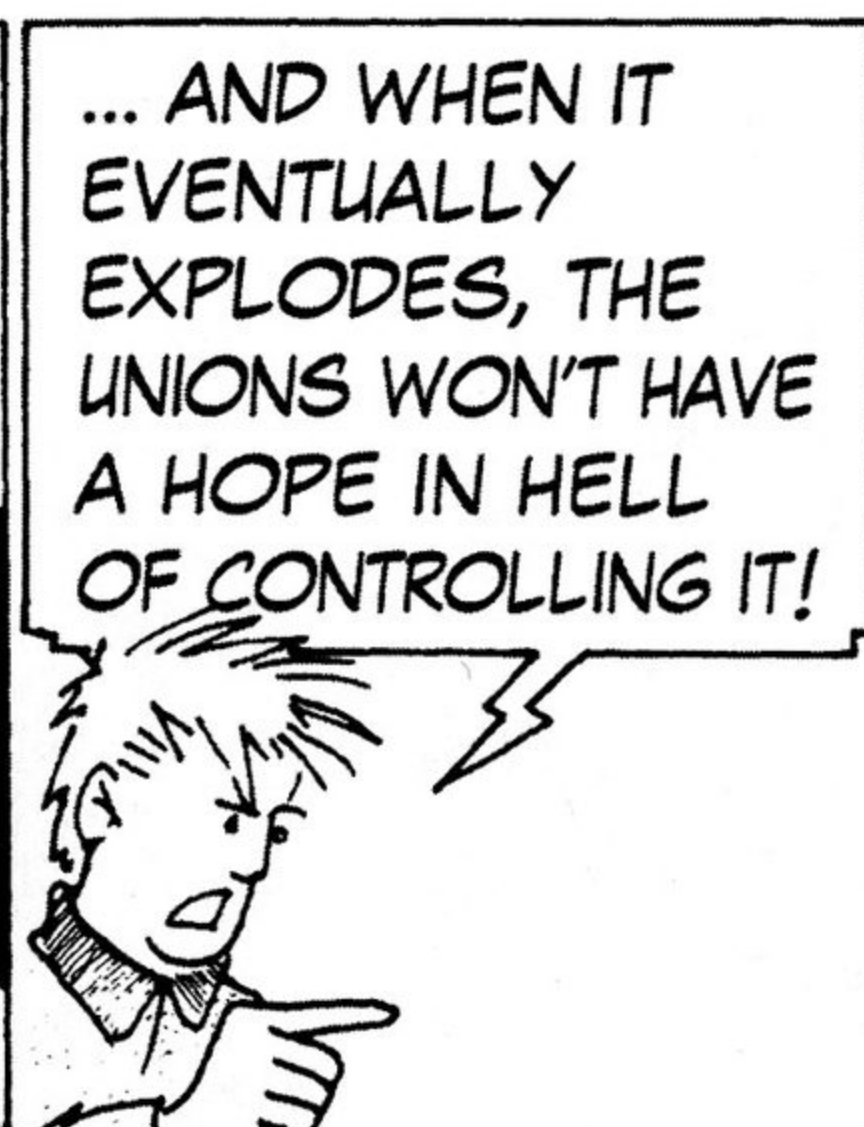




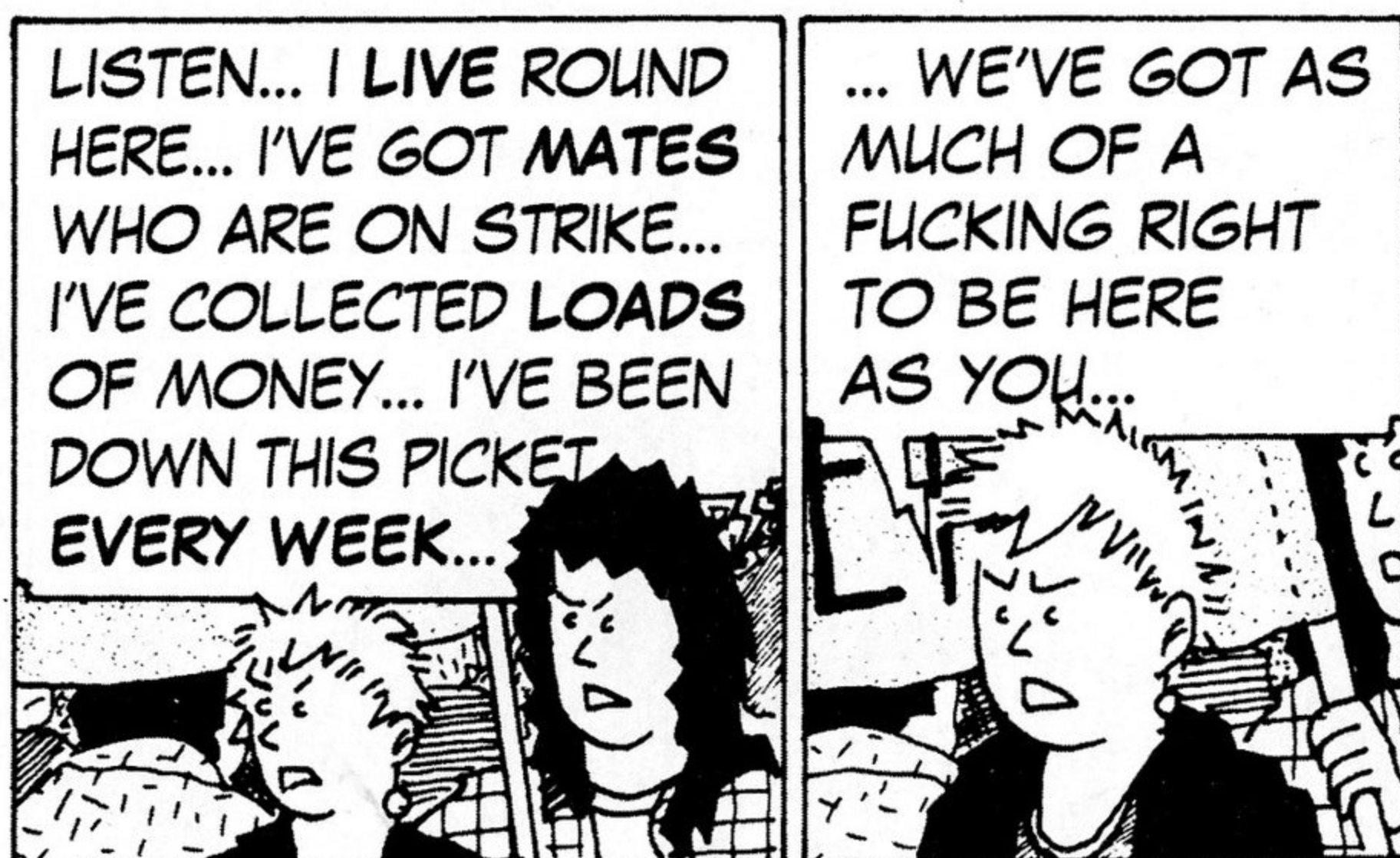












YEH BUT THIS AIN'T
A GAY LIBERATION
DEMO - THIS IS A
PICKET LINE...



AND WE DON'T WANT
YOUR SORT ROUND
HERE...



I'M A LESBIAN
AND I
SUPPORT THIS
STRIKE - THERE
AIN'T NO
CONTRADICTION!



WE'VE BEEN DOWN
HERE **LOADS** OF
TIMES - YOU'RE ONLY
MOANING NOW 'COS
WE'VE BROUGHT A
BANNER...



... LOOK JACK - YOU
ALWAYS GO ON AT
THE GAZETTE FOR
BEING PREJUDICED
AGAINST THE STRIKE,
DON'T YOU?...



... BUT IT'S OKAY
FOR YOU TO BE
PREJUDICED
AGAINST
NICKY...



... ANYWAY, WE'RE
STAYING - IF YOU
DON'T LIKE IT, THAT'S
YOUR PROBLEM!!



NICE ONE NICKY!
YOU TELL HIM!



OH HI, TINTIN!
CREEPS LIKE
THAT REALLY
WIND ME UP!!





YEAH, SOMETIMES
IT SEEMS LIKE
NOTHING'S WORTH
IT...



NOT EVEN THIS
BLOODY STRIKE!
WHAT'S THE
POINT OF IT IF...



WAKE UP AT THE
END... THE COPS
ARE ON THE
MOVE!!



WE'RE BLOCKED
IN... AGAIN!



... IT'S LIKE THIS
EVERY TIME...
GOD I HATE IT!!



CHEER UP, NICKY!
THIS STRIKE'S
THE BEST LAUGH
ANY OF US HAVE
HAD IN AGES!!



O!!! YOU BLACK
BASTARD!! WHY
DON'T YOU FUCK
OFF HOME!!



SHUT YER MOUTH
YOU... OR I'LL
SHUT IT FOR
YOU!! ... I'M
BLACK...



AND I AIN'T NO
BASTARD! THAT
THERE IS A
COP...



... AND THAT'S
THE WORST
INSULT OF ALL!!



IT DON'T MATTER
WHAT COLOUR
YOU ARE - IT'S
WHICH SIDE
YOU'RE ON.....



SCABS!



BASTARDS!
SCABS!



WANKERS!
SCUM!



BASTARDS!



A FEW DAYS LATER...



RIGHT, AS USUAL,
WE'VE GOT LOADS
TO DO TONIGHT,
SO FIRST OFF...



... THIS IS DAVE
HARRIS FROM
WILLIAMSONS
WHO ARE BY FAR
THE BIGGEST
SUPPLIERS TO
LONGS



CHEERS, JIM ... AS
YOU KNOW, FOR
THE LAST TWO
WEEKS...



... WE'VE BEEN
BLACKLISTING ALL
SUPPLIES TO
LONGS...



BUT YESTERDAY
MANAGEMENT
ISSUED AN
ULTIMATUM - GET
BACK TO WORK...



OR FACE THE
SACK.....

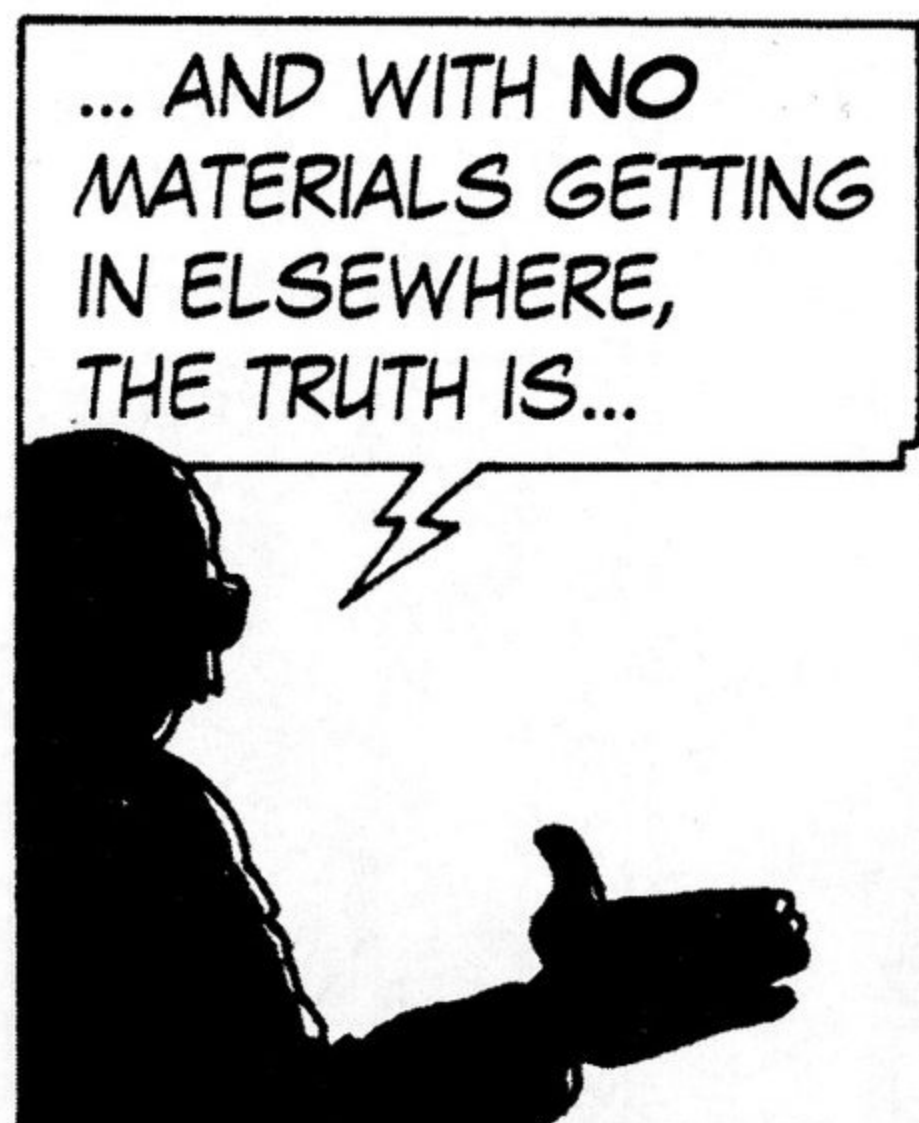


... SO WE HAD
CAPTAIN OVER
TO CHAT WITH
THE LADS... ER...
AND THE LASSES...



... AND THE RESULT
IS THAT WE'RE NO
LONGER BLACKING
DELIVERIES...







WE'VE GOT TO STICK TOGETHER EVEN MORE... AS IT GETS BIGGER, IT'S GONNA GET HARDER...



... WE'RE ALL GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES, BUT I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY...



THAT I'D RATHER DIE ON MY FEET THAN LIVE ON MY KNEES...



WELL HOPEFULLY NO ONE WILL DIE...

... EXCEPT SCABS!

... AND THE BOSSES!!



... BUT WE HAVE GOT A LOT OF HARD GRAFT TO DO... DES HAS PRINTED UP SOME POSTERS...



... THERE'S ONE ABOUT THE STRIKE AND ONE FOR THE BIG DEMO COMING UP ON THE 20TH ...



... SO YOU CAN ALL TAKE SOME AND GET 'EM STUCK UP ALL OVER...

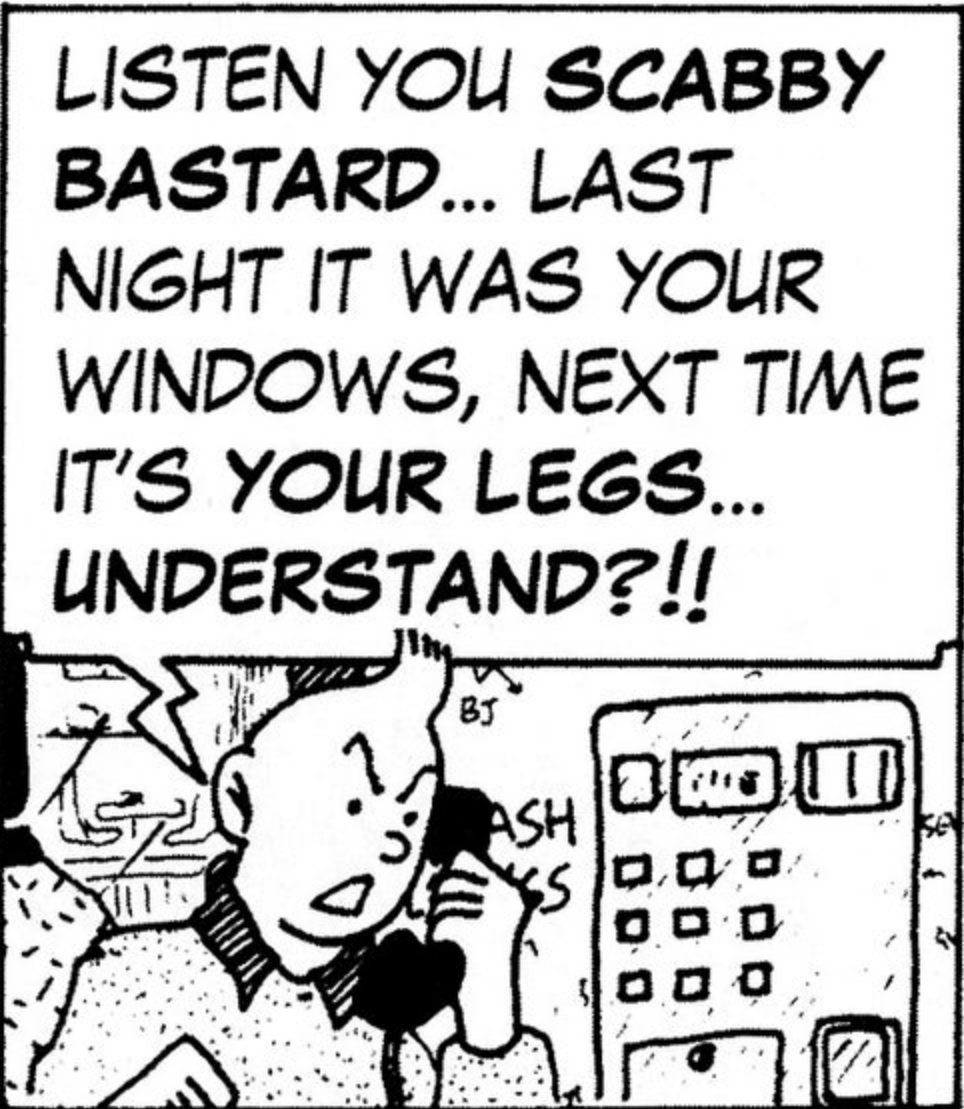


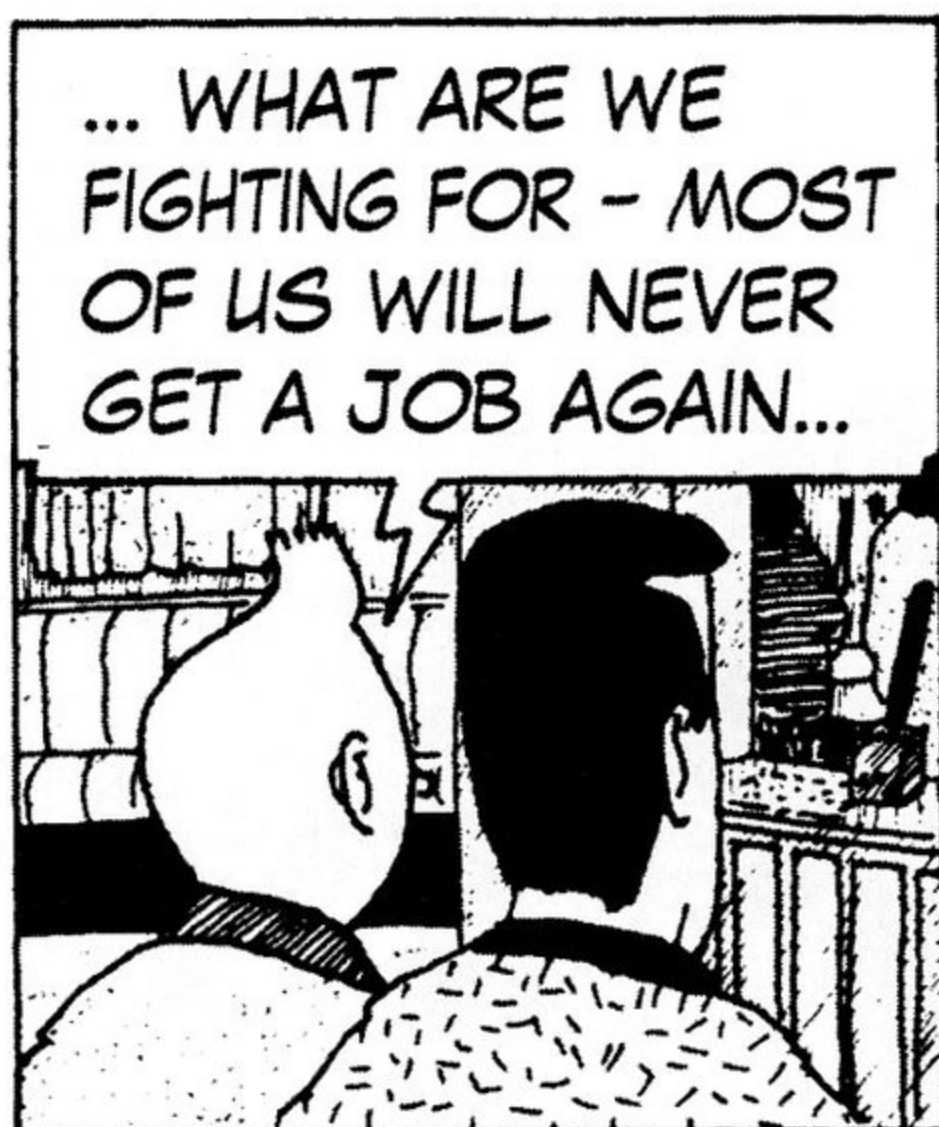
PSST!! I'M DYING FOR A PINT... DO YOU FANCY ONE?

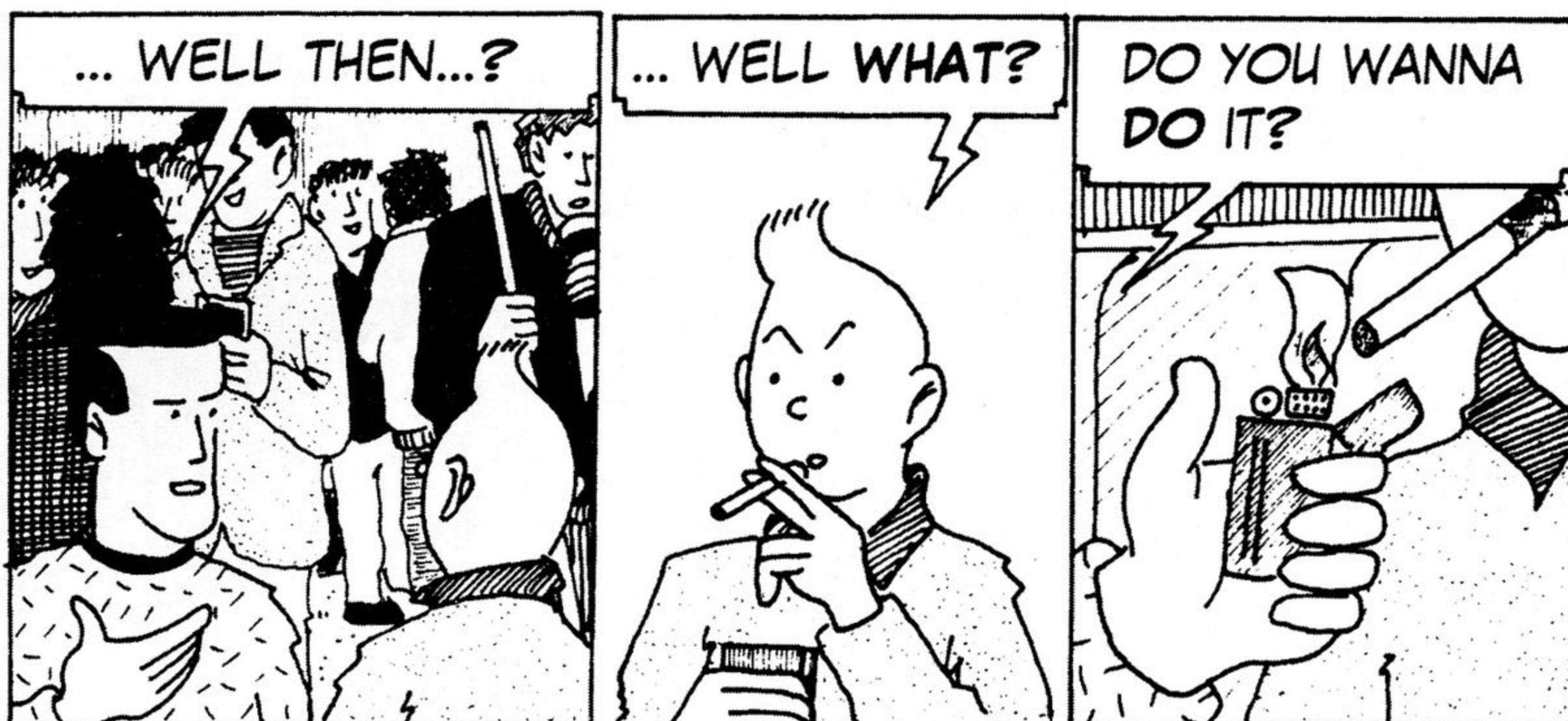
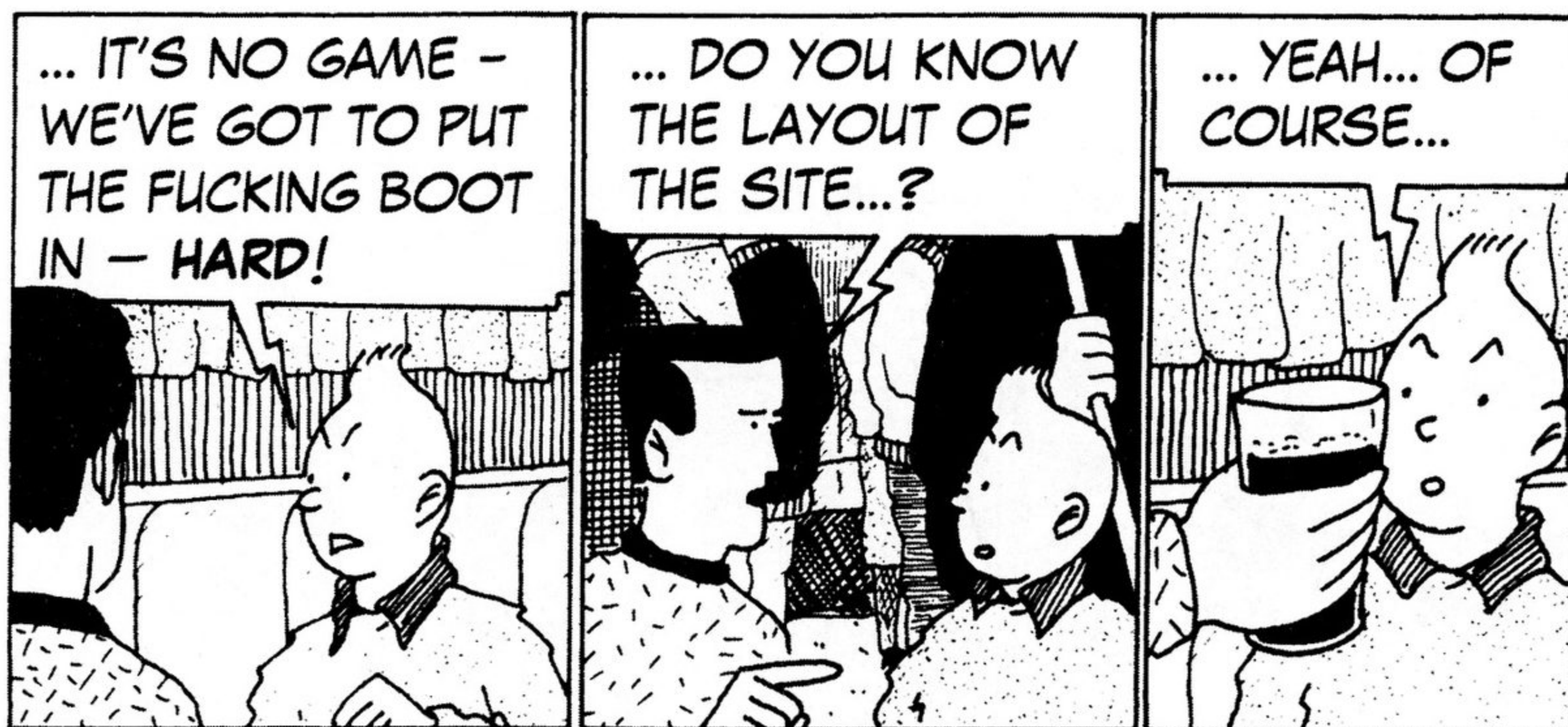


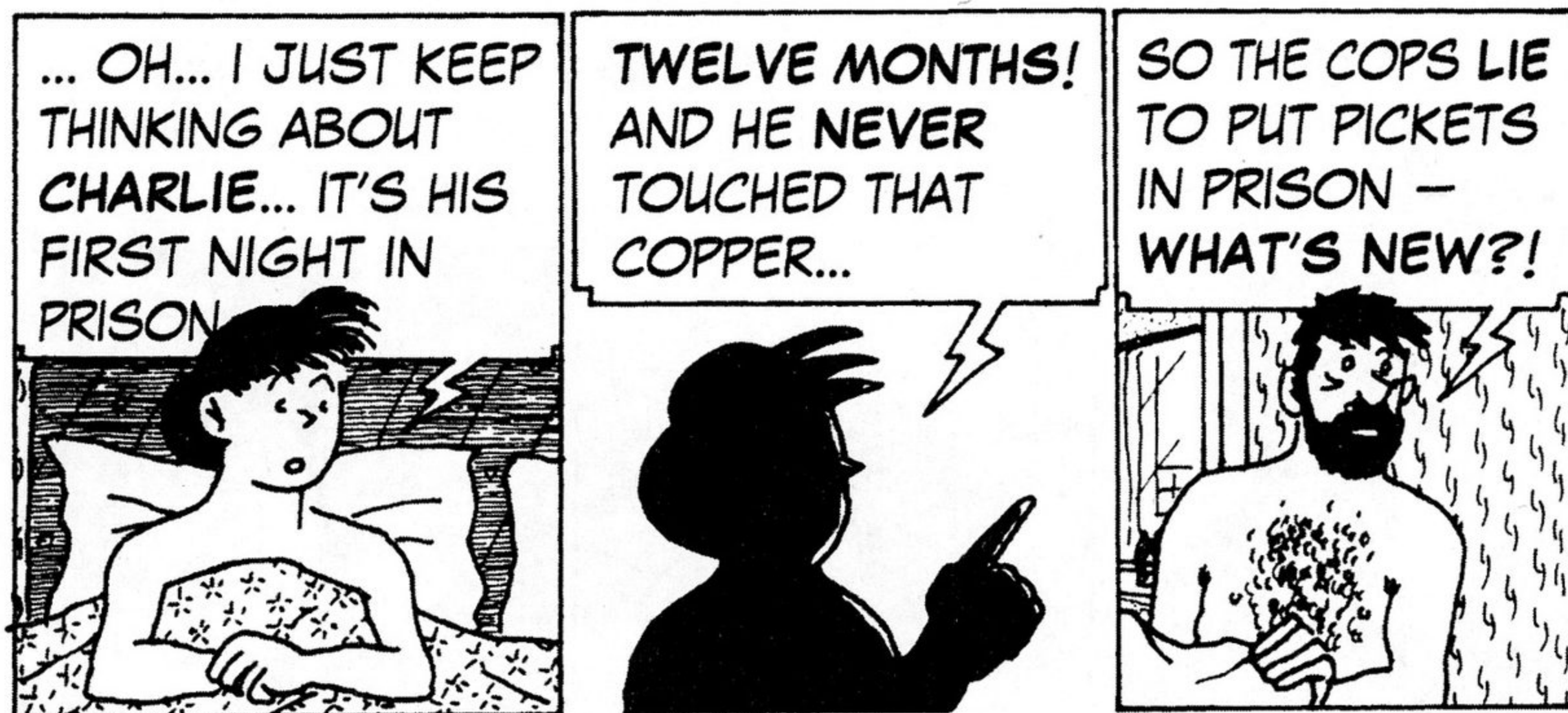
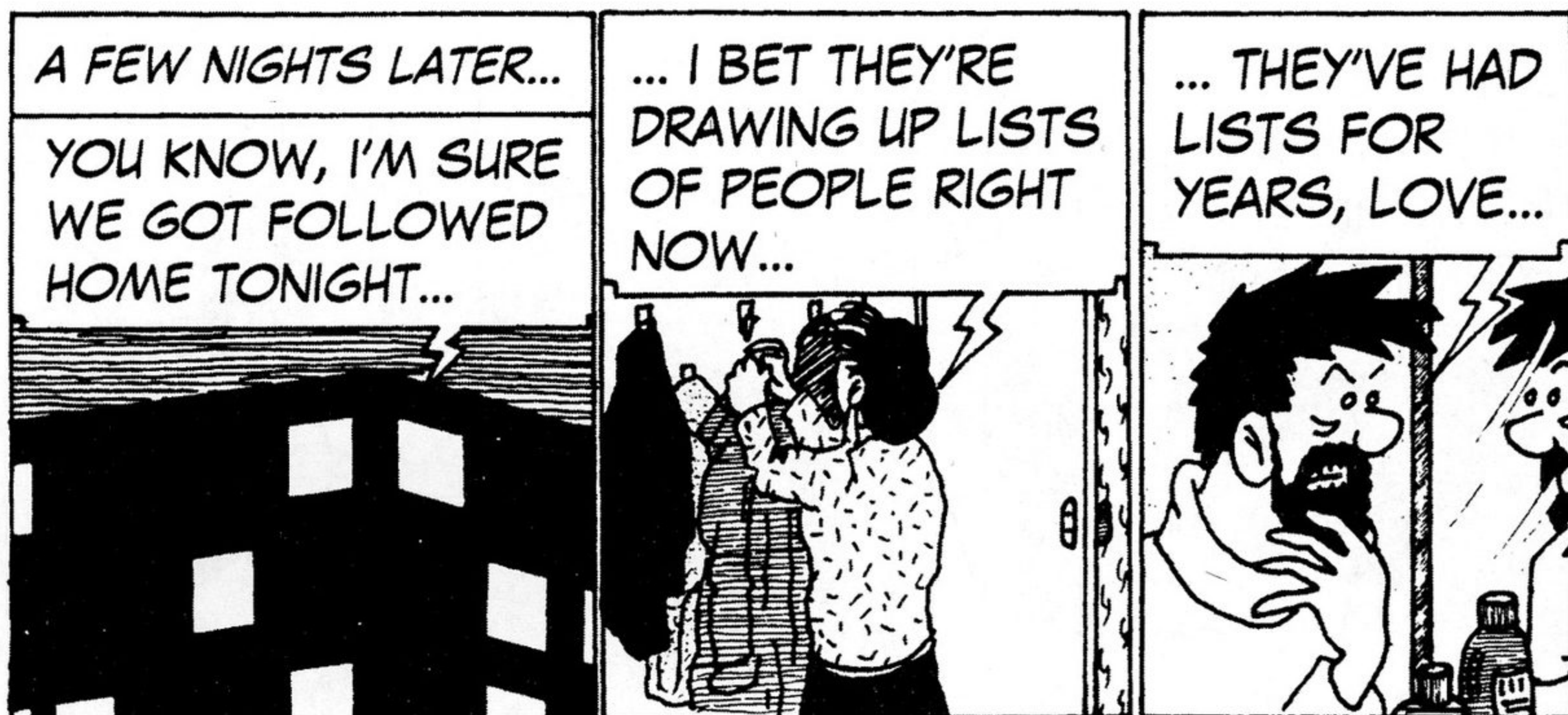
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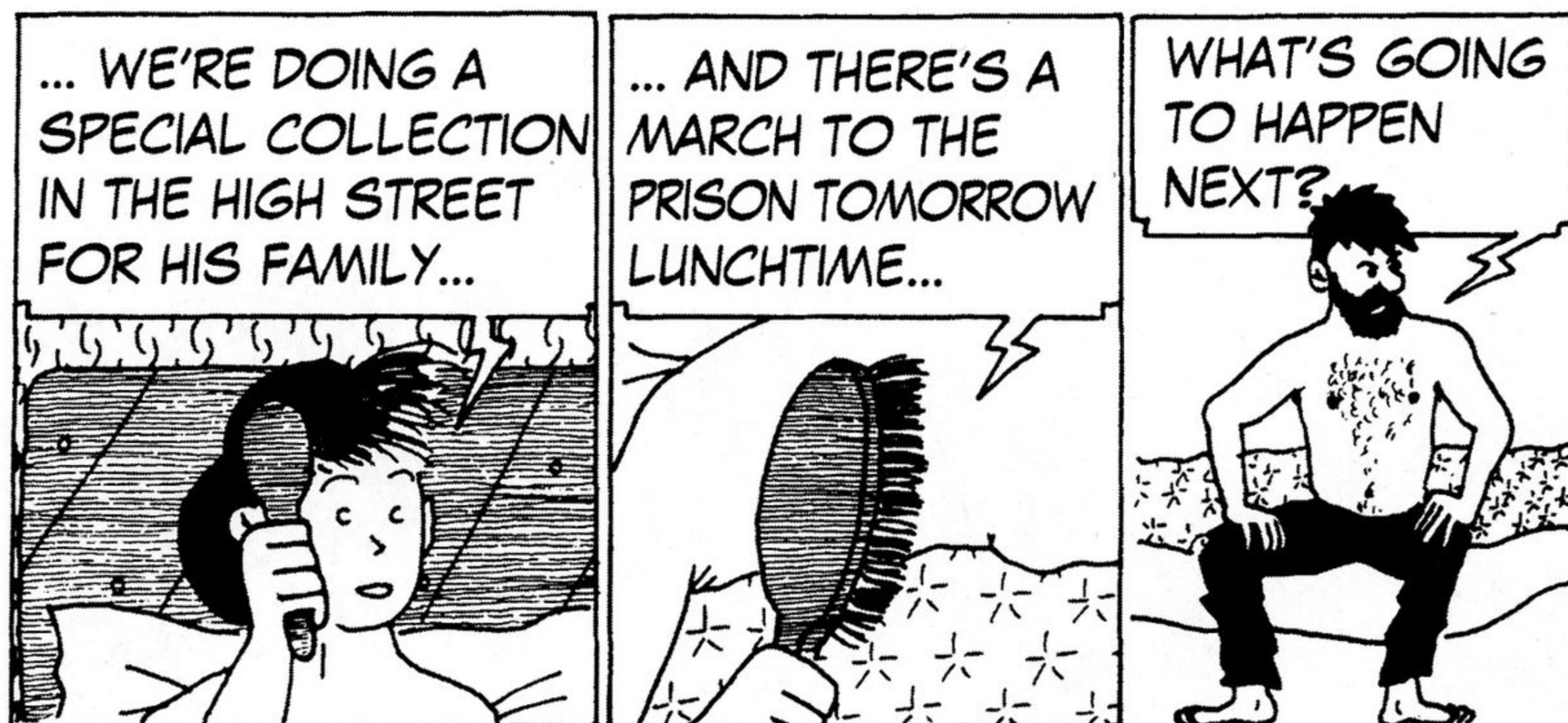


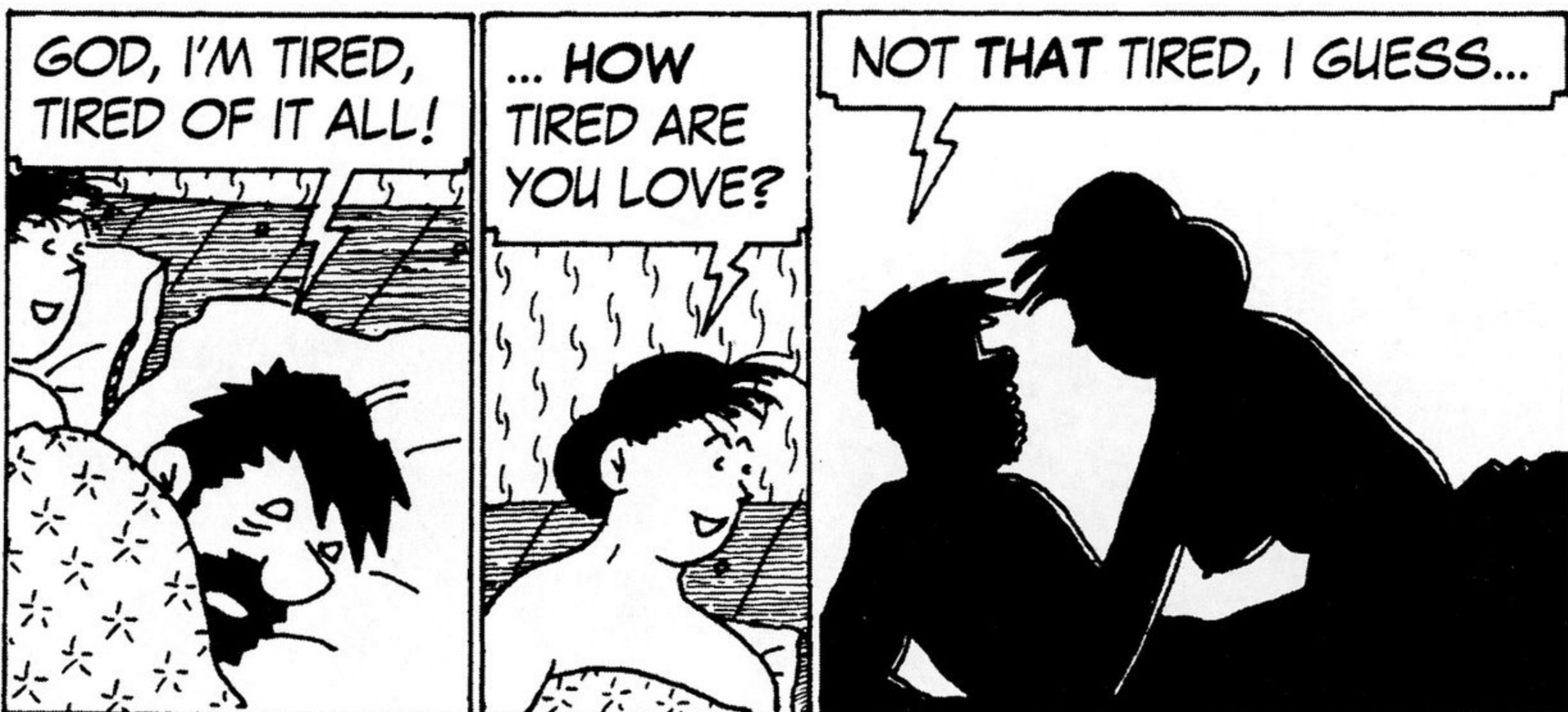
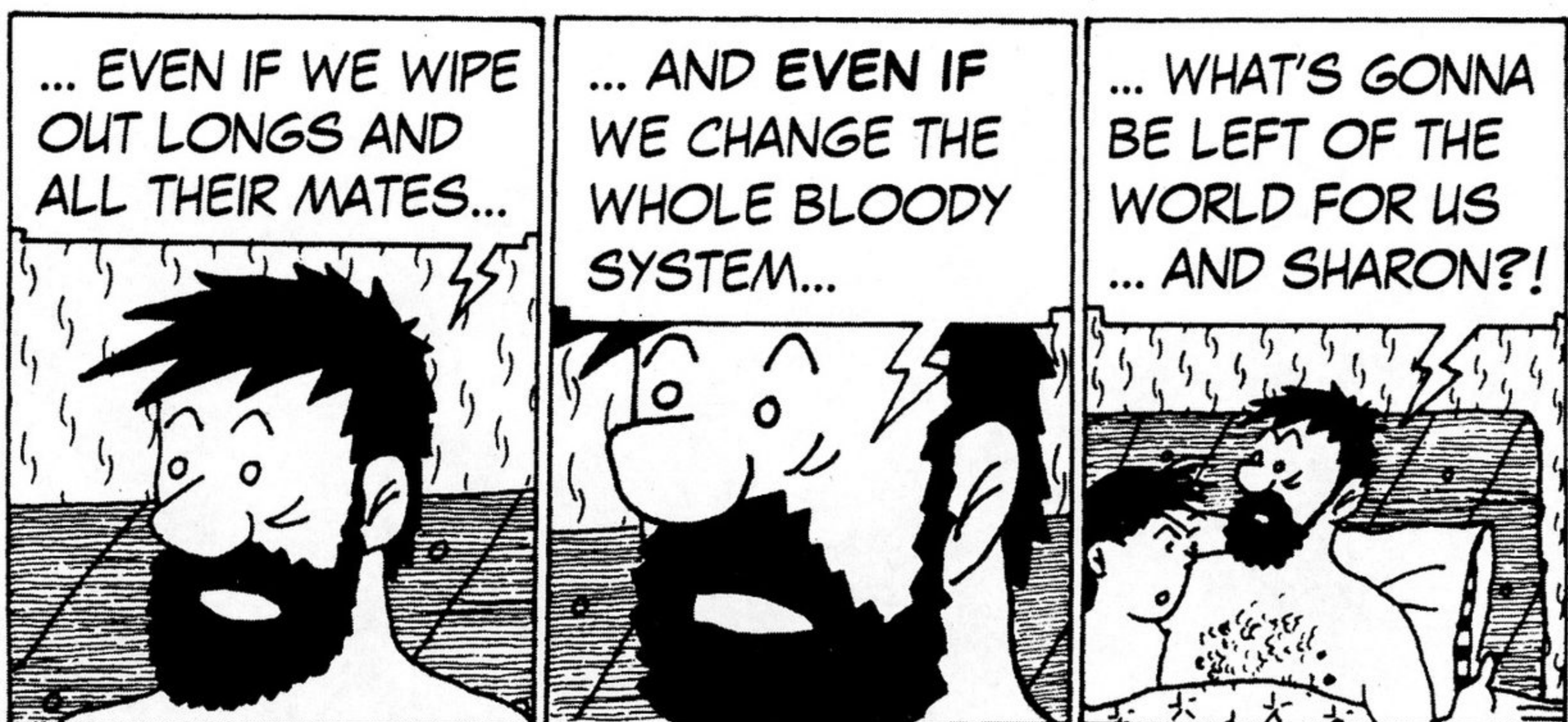


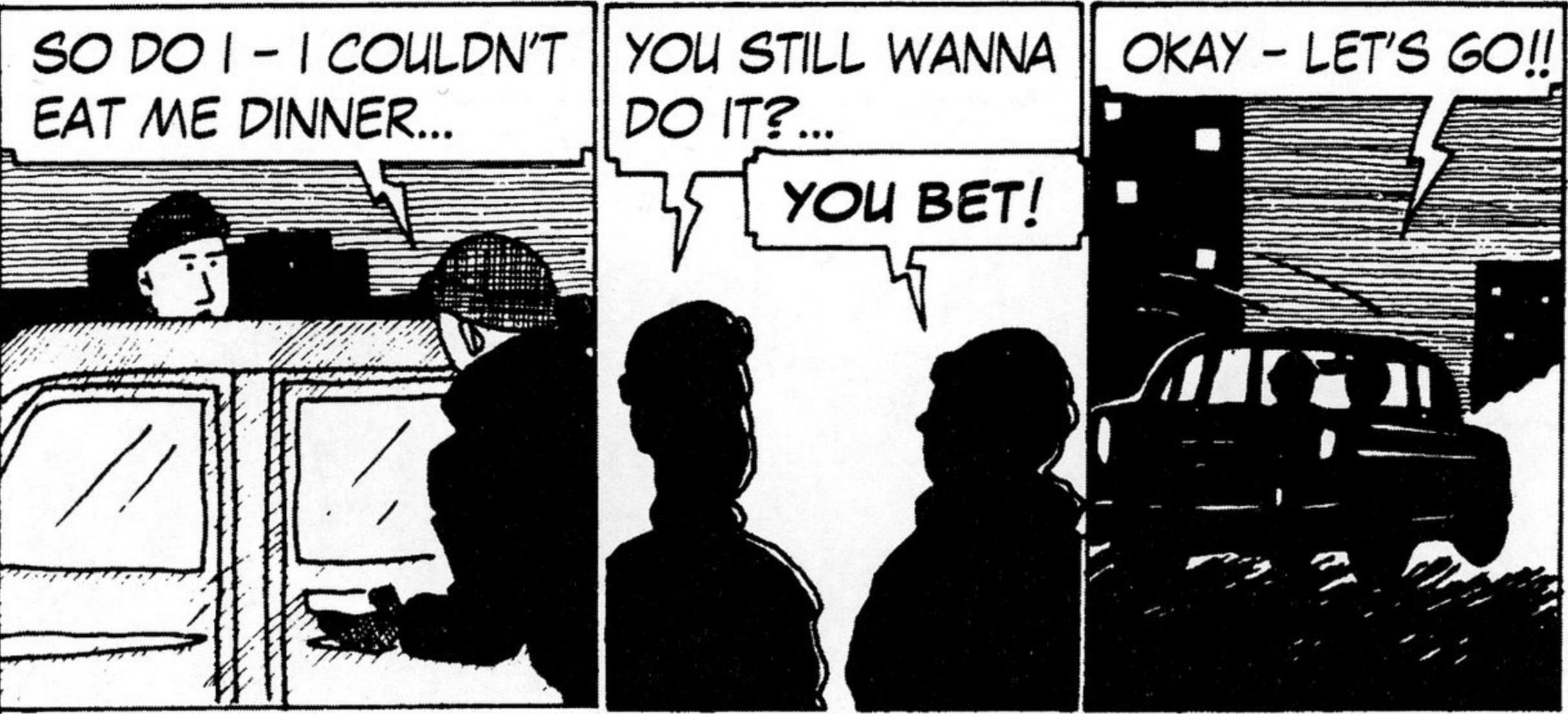
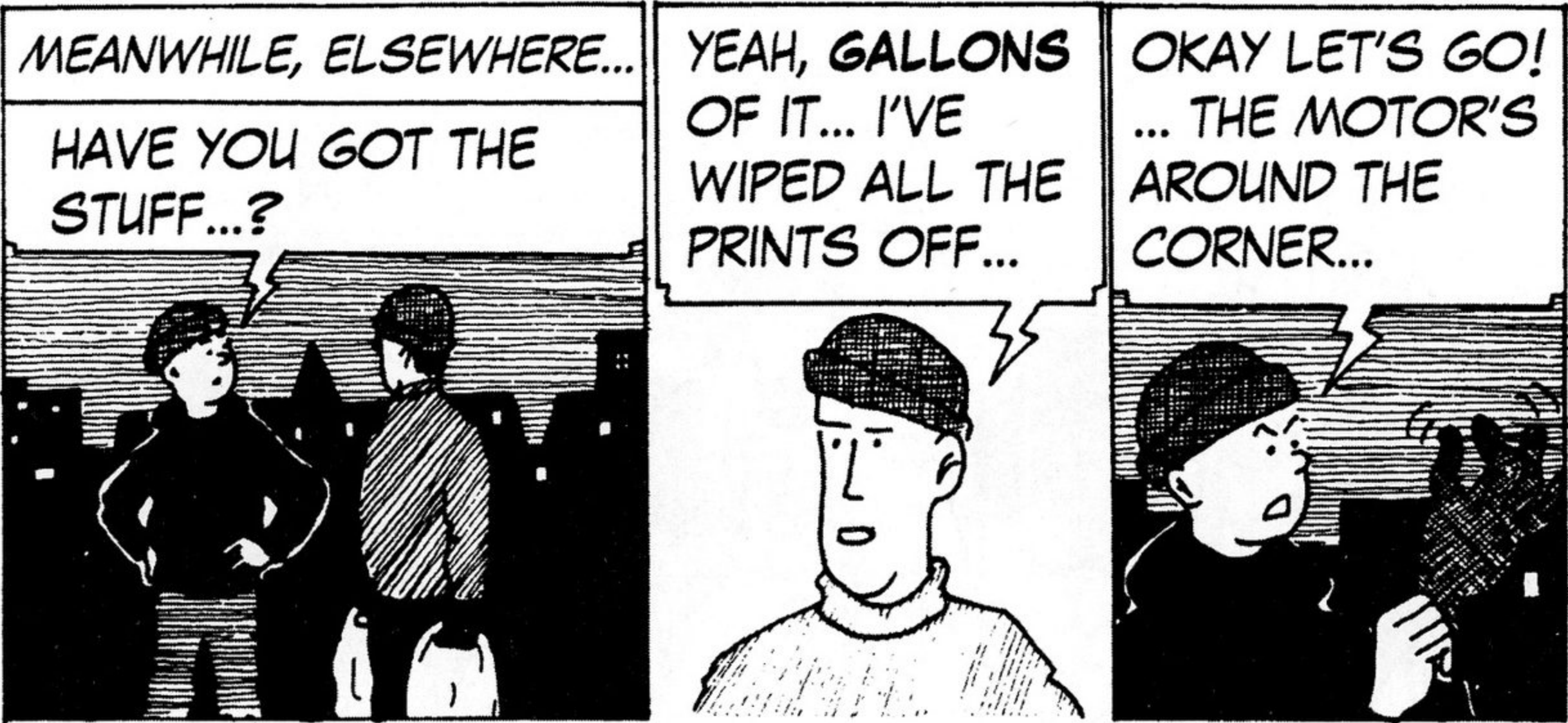


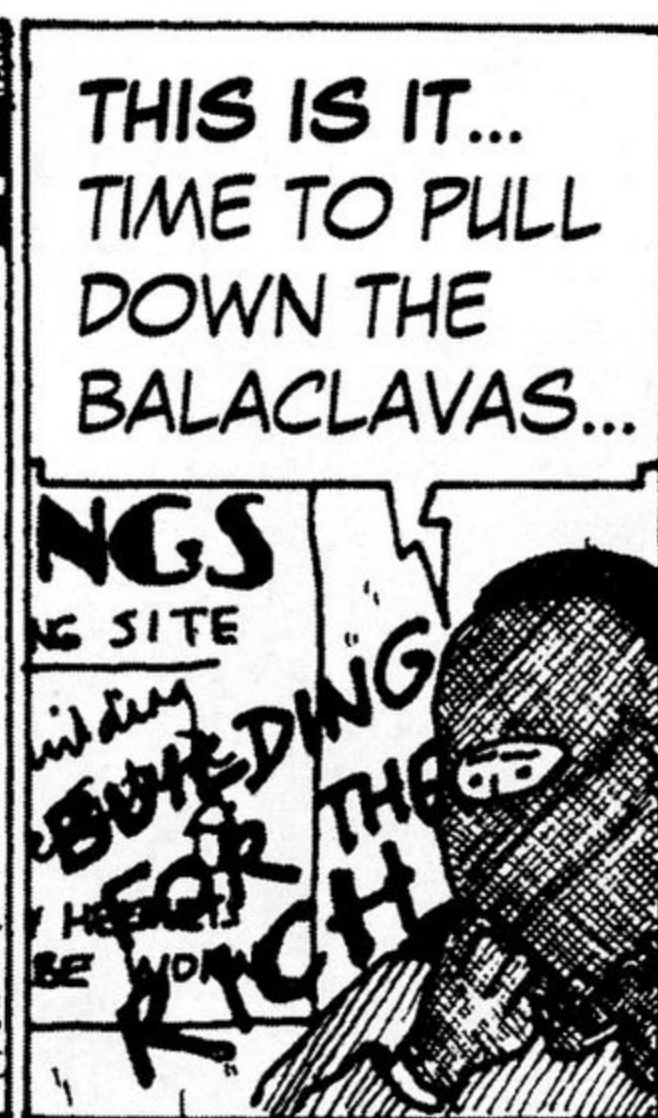


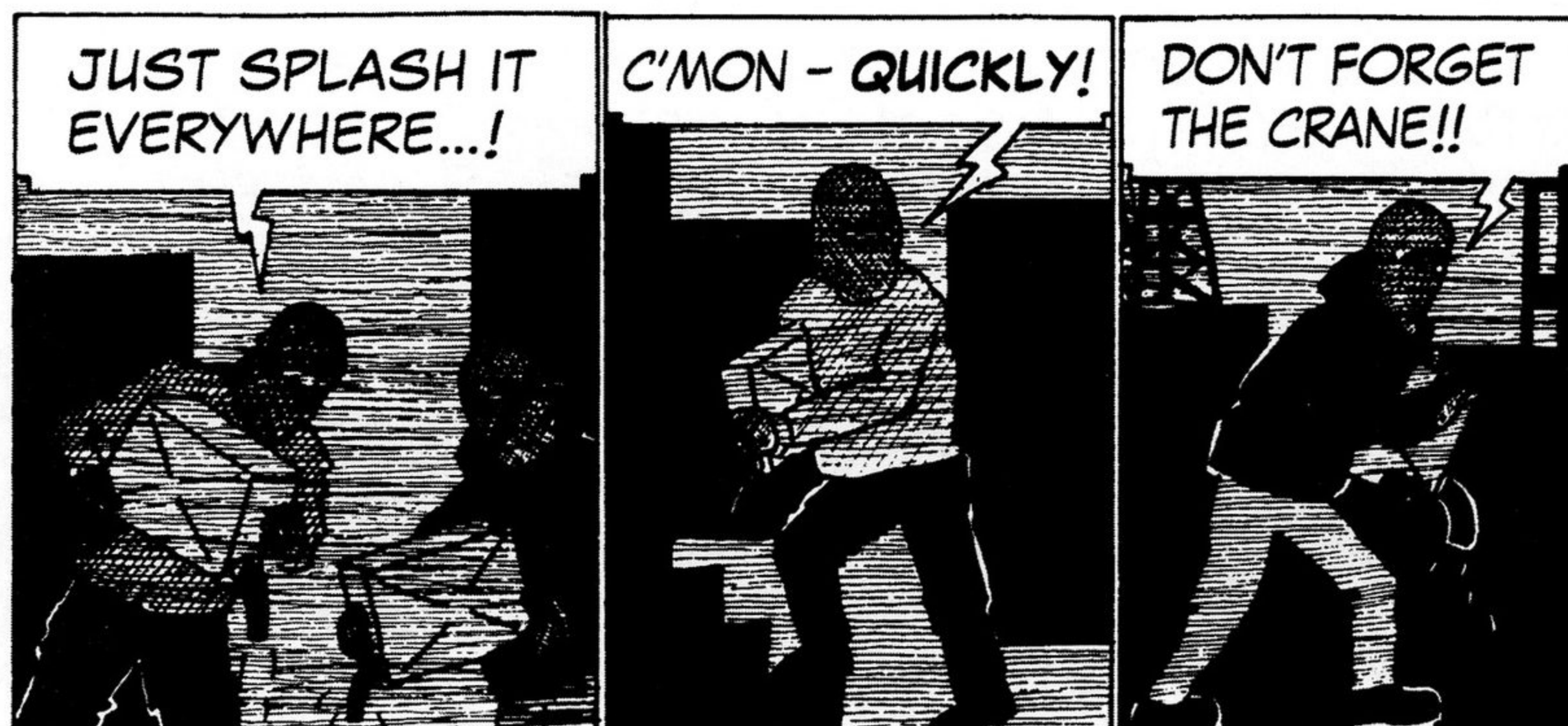


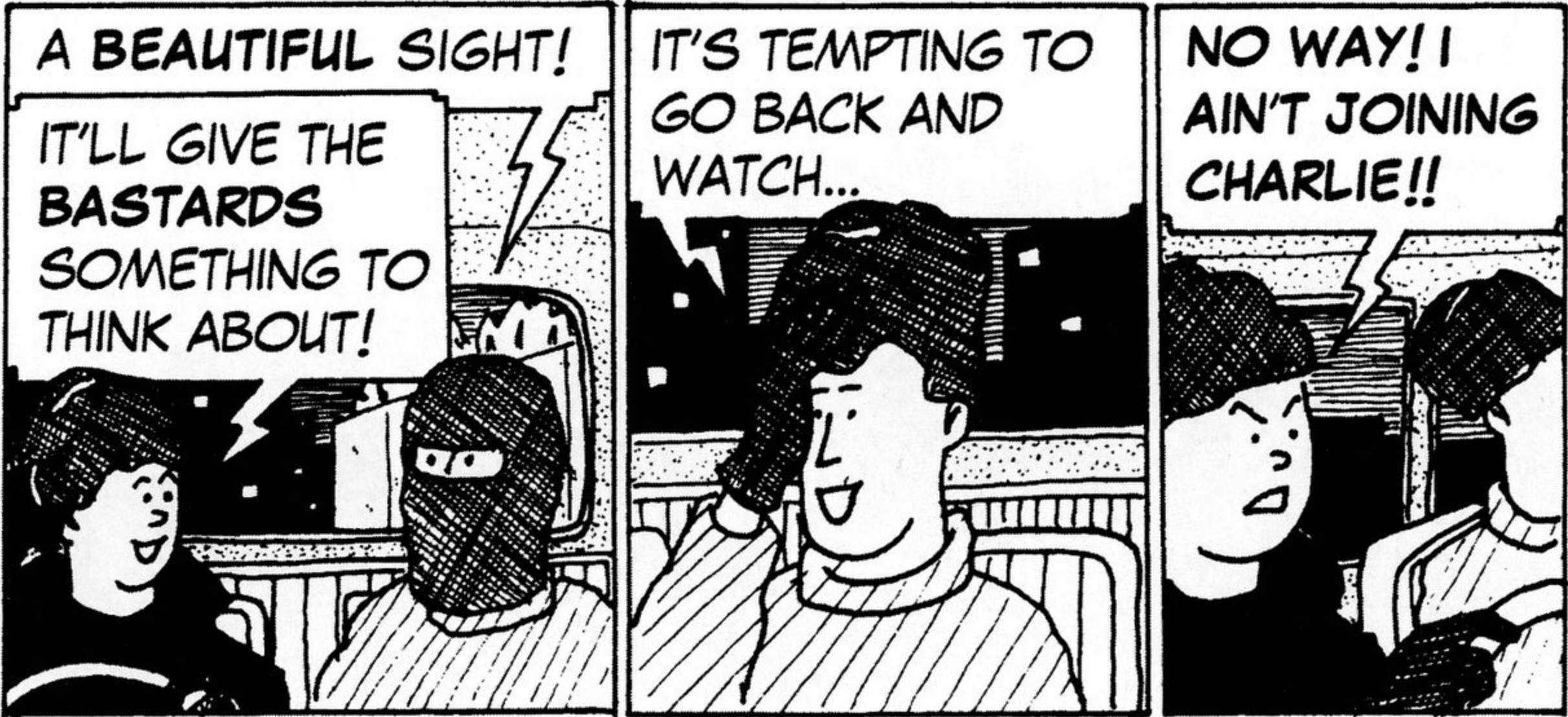
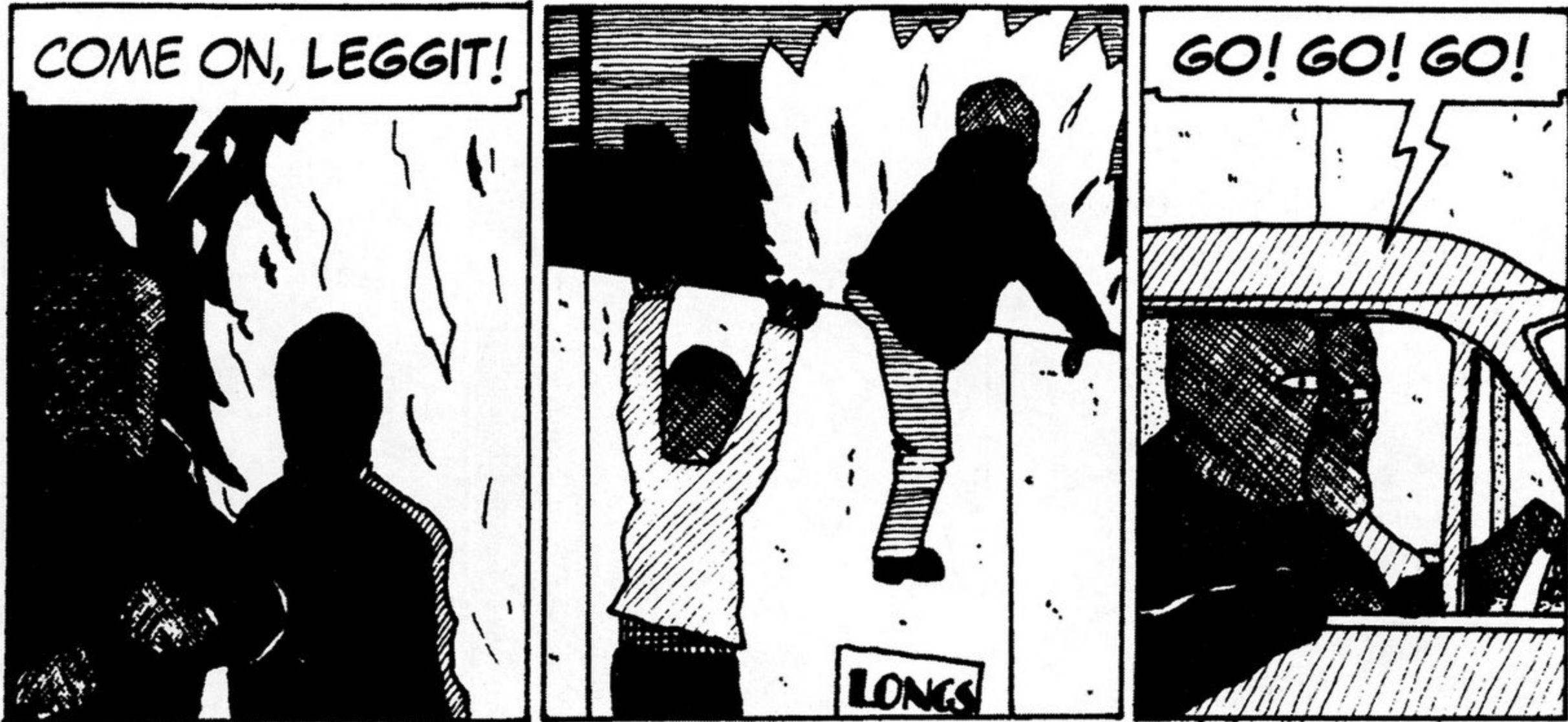












THE NEXT DAY...

... ARE TREATING IT AS ARSON ... BUS WORKERS ARE EXPECTED TO...



HEY, DID YOU HEAR THAT...?



EH?... DID YOU SAY SOMETHING JIM?



THERE WAS A FIRE AT DERBY ROAD LAST NIGHT - THE COPS SAY IT'S ARSON...



FUCKING HELL...!

OH SHIT!!



WHAT'S UP, FRANK? YOU DON'T SEEM TOO HAPPY...



CAN'T YOU SEE?! THEY'LL USE IT AGAINST US... THEY'LL BE CALLING US **TERRORISTS** NOW!...



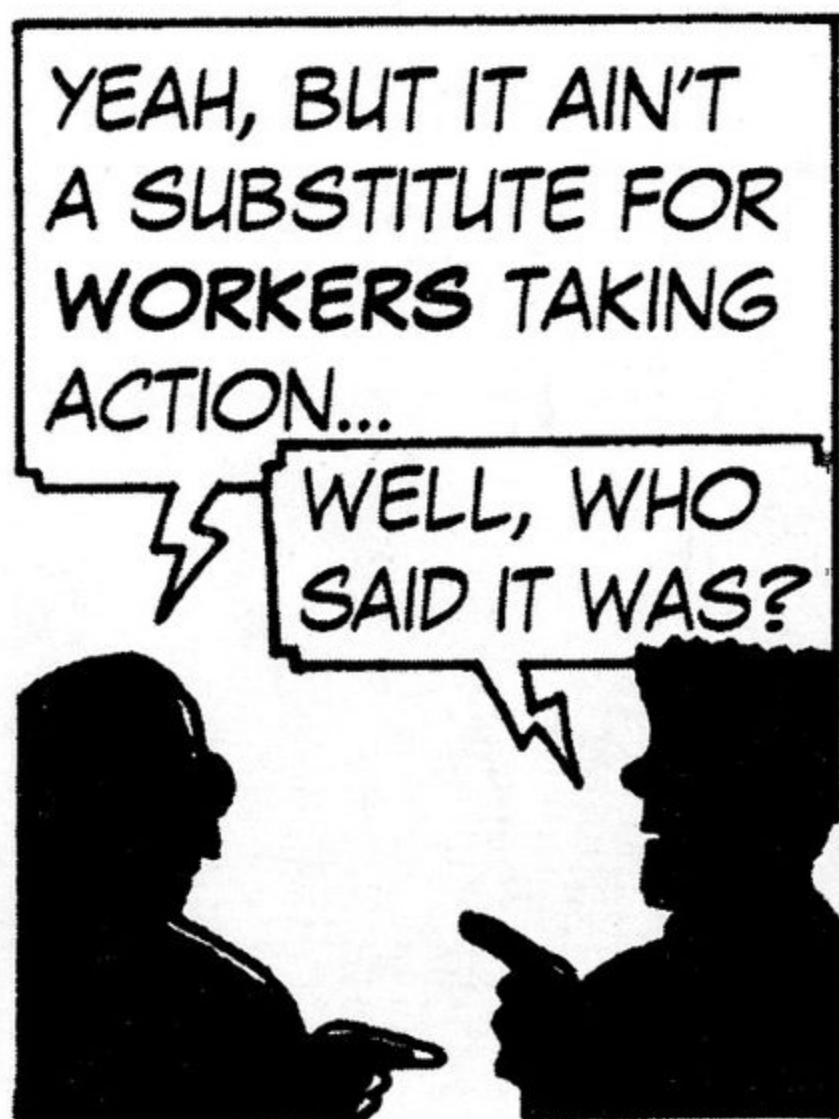
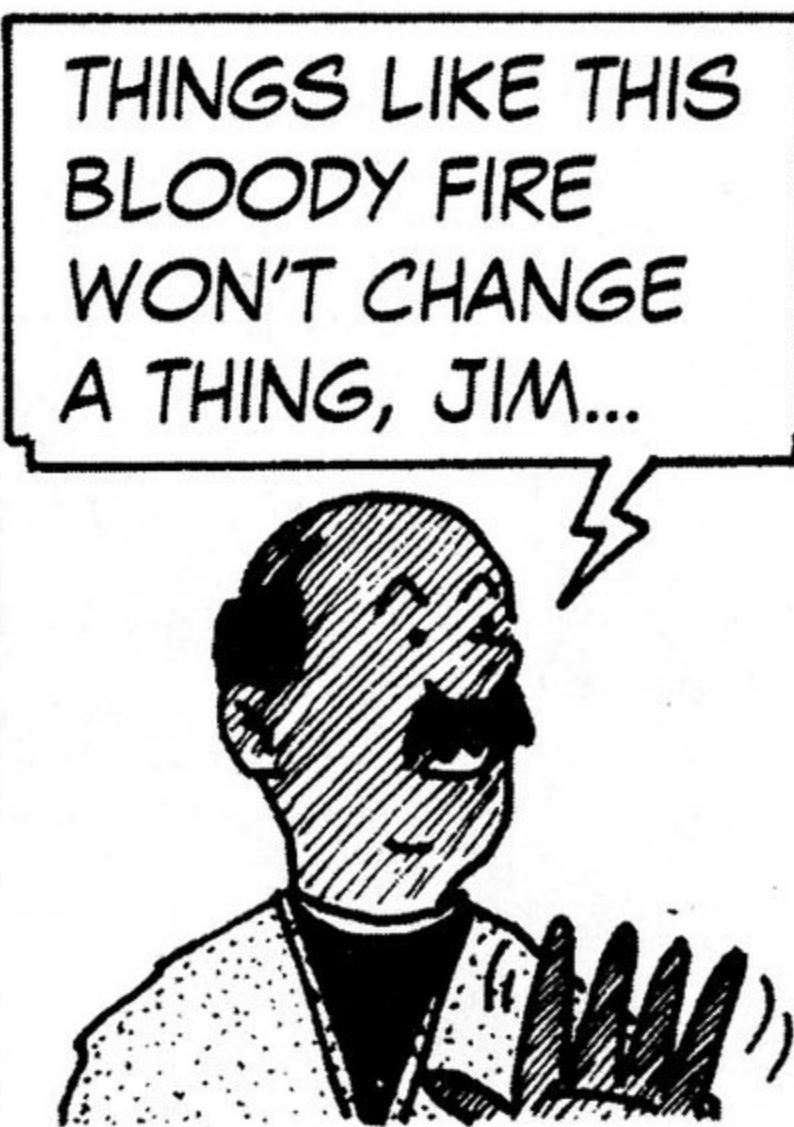
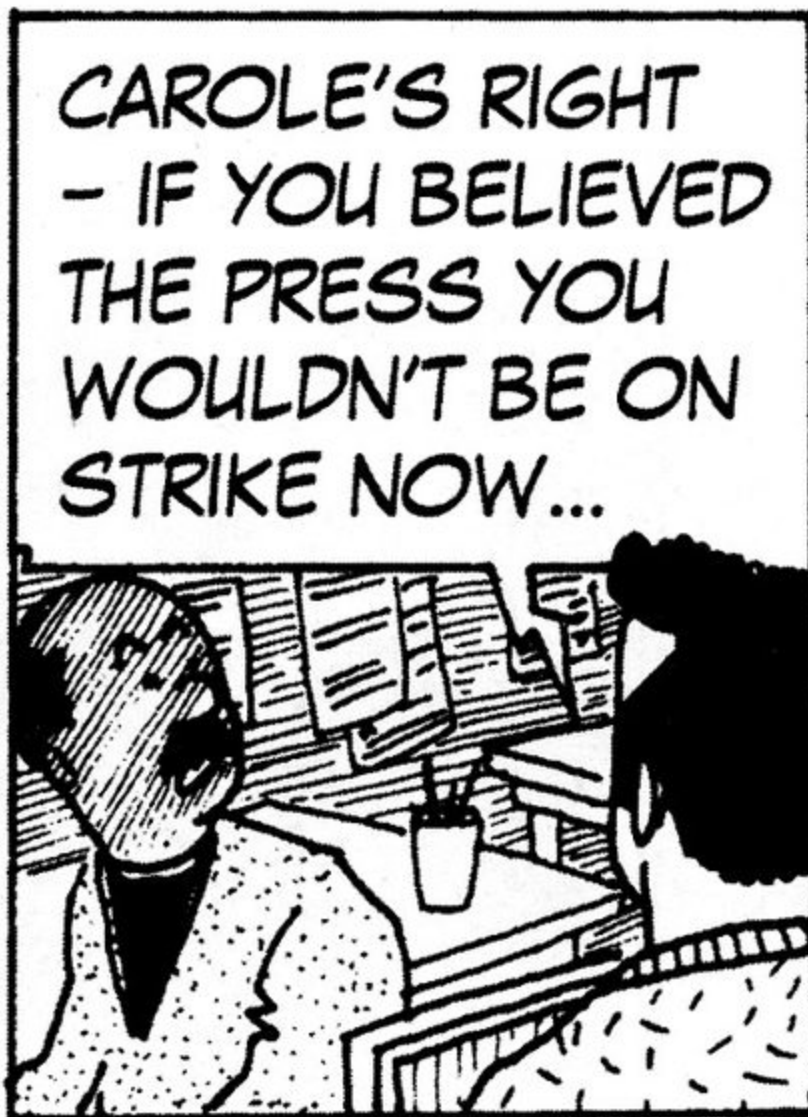
OH THEY CALL US EVERYTHING ELSE, FRANK - ONE MORE WORD AIN'T GONNA MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE...



THAT'S NOT THE POINT, CAROLE...

YES IT BLOODY IS!

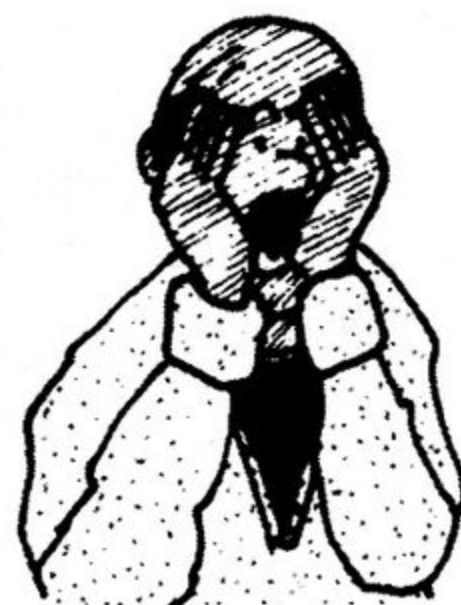




STAY COOL, MATE!
- WE'VE GOT TO
HIT 'EM EVERY WAY
WE CAN!...

... AND PERSONALLY
I'D LIKE TO BUY
WHOEVER DID IT A
COUPLE OF DRINKS!

OKAY OKAY OKAY!
YOU WIN!!



ANYWAY, IS THERE
ANY MORE NEWS
ABOUT THE DEMO?

YEAH, I WENT TO THE
REGIONAL STRIKE
CO-ORDINATION
MEETING LAST
NIGHT ... IT'S
GONNA BE
MASSIVE!

... THERE'S
PEOPLE
COMING FROM
ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY!

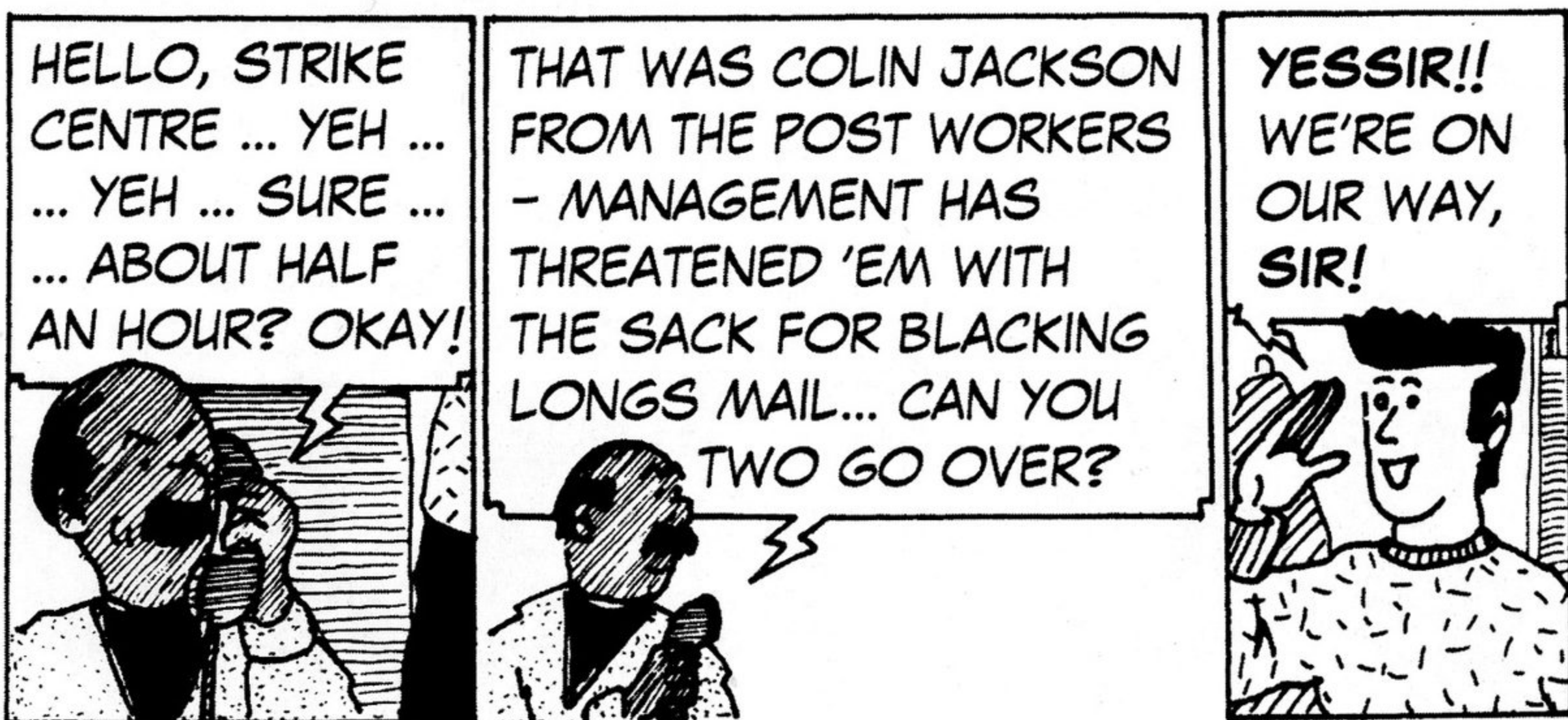
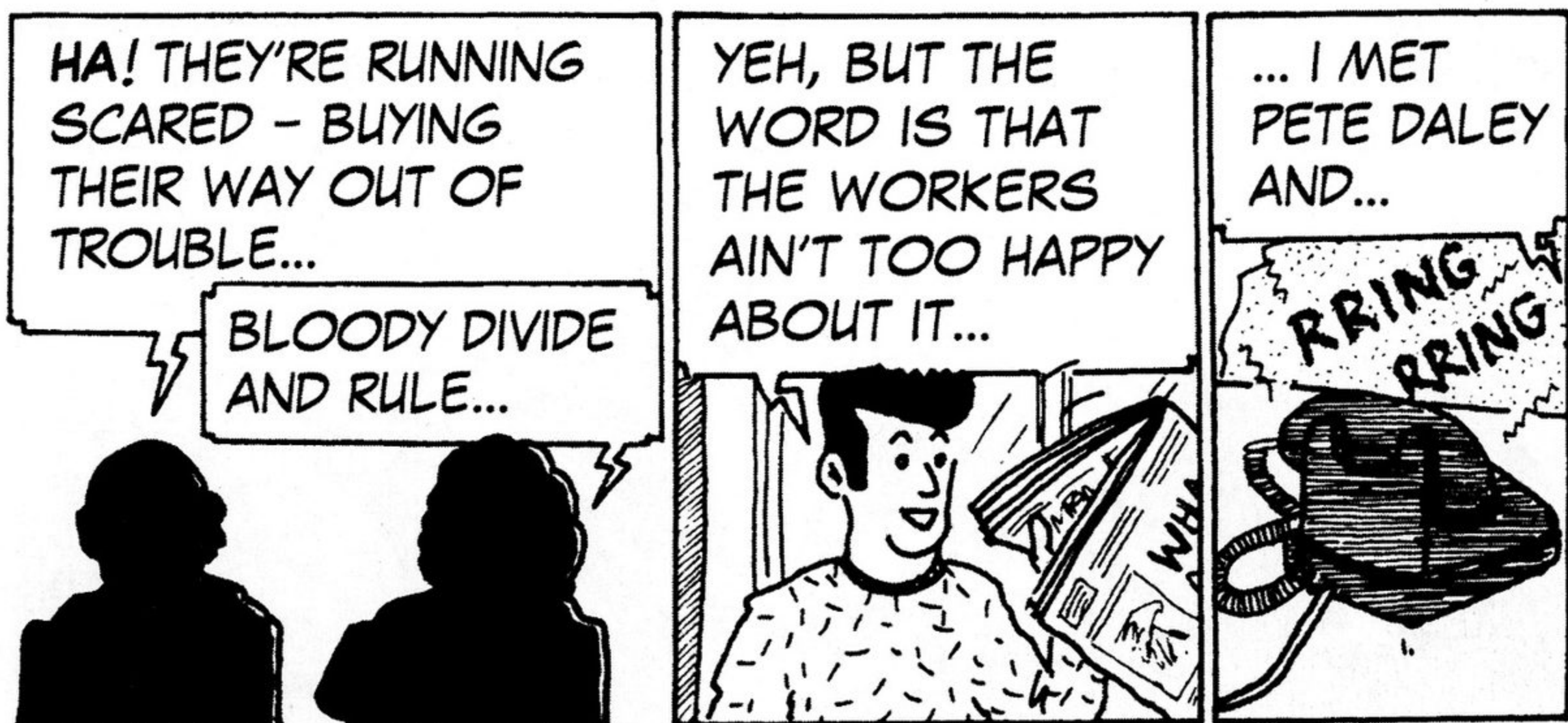


AND THERE'S THE
PRISON MARCH IN
A FEW HOURS
TIME...

YEH, I THINK
MARY'S SORTING
THAT OUT NEXT
DOOR...

IT'S REALLY
BUILDING UP,
ISN'T IT?...





AND SO, LATER...

... AND THAT'S THE
MANAGEMENT
POSITION...



EITHER STOP THE
ACTION OR GET
THE SACK...



SO WHAT'S THE
UNION LINE,
COLIN?



WELL, THEY SAY THE BLACKING
IS "ILLEGAL" AND...

HELL!



HA! WILL THE
BASTARDS
NEVER
LEARN!!?



THING IS
WE'VE GOT
A LOT OF
GRIEVANCES
OF OUR OWN...



Y'KNOW, LOW PAY, LONG
HOURS, CASUAL LABOUR
... ALL THE USUAL STUFF...



... ALL THIS
LONGS THING
HAS DONE IS
BRING IT ALL
TO A HEAD...



I RECKON WE'LL
BE OUT ON
ALL-OUT
STRIKE BY
TOMORROW...





CHAPTER • FOUR



SOME DAYS LATER...

WHAT A BASTARD!
... THOSE BAIL
CONDITIONS...!!



IT'S JUST THE
SAME AS IN
THE MINERS'
STRIKE, TERRY...



IF I EVER GET ME
HANDS ON THAT
MAGISTRATE,
CANHAM...!



NO MORE BLOODY
PICKETING... I'M
SO PISSED OFF!!



A STRIKE AIN'T
JUST ABOUT
PICKETING...



DON'T FORGET
ALL THE OTHER
WORK WE'VE
GOT TO DO...



LIKE WHAT?

WELL, FOLDING
ALL THESE FOR
A START...

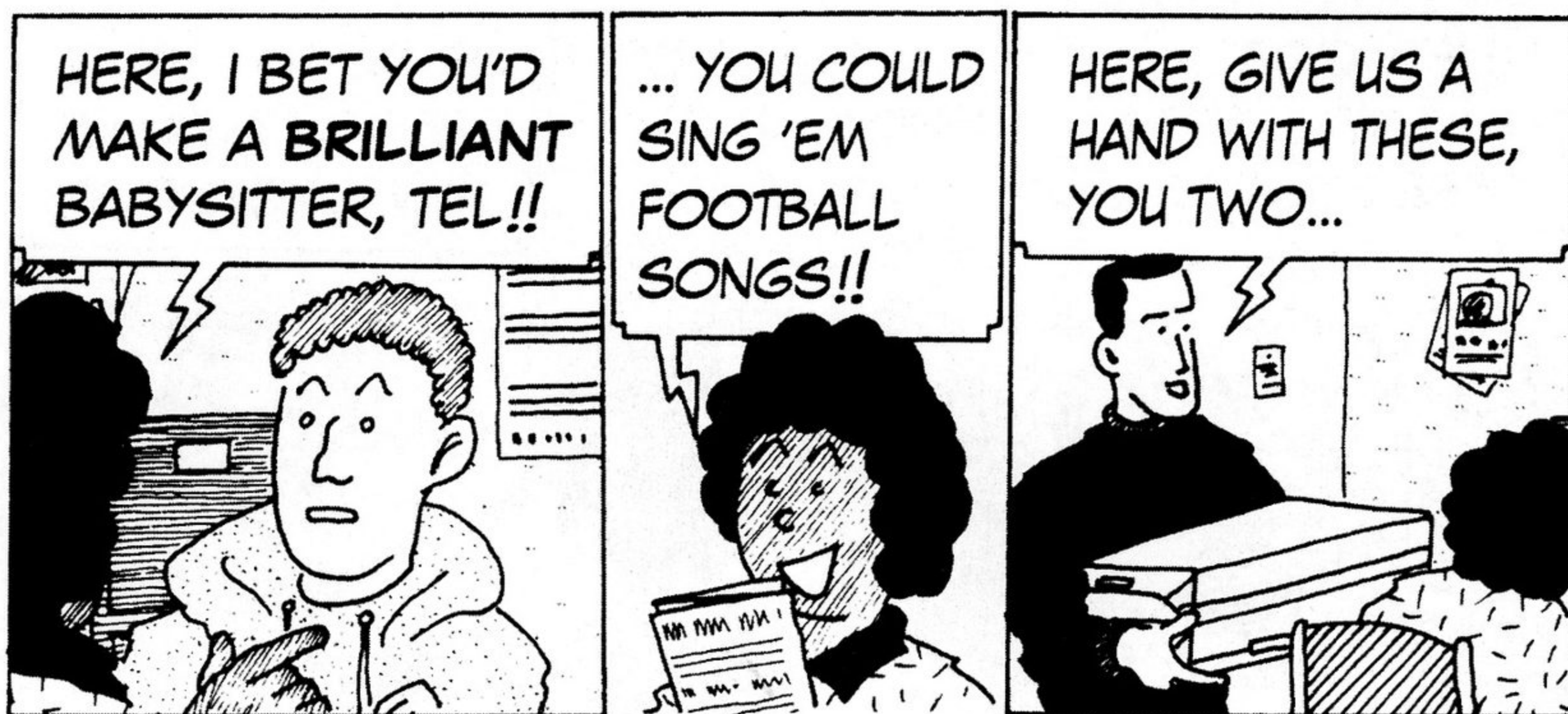


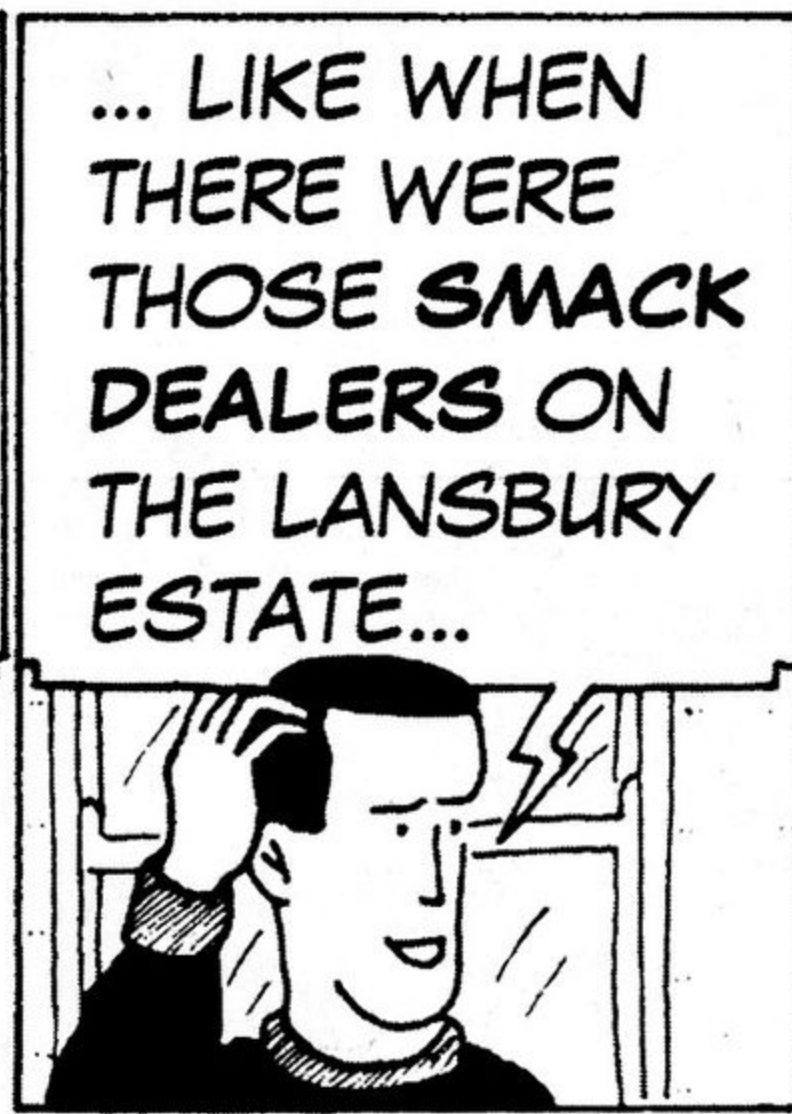
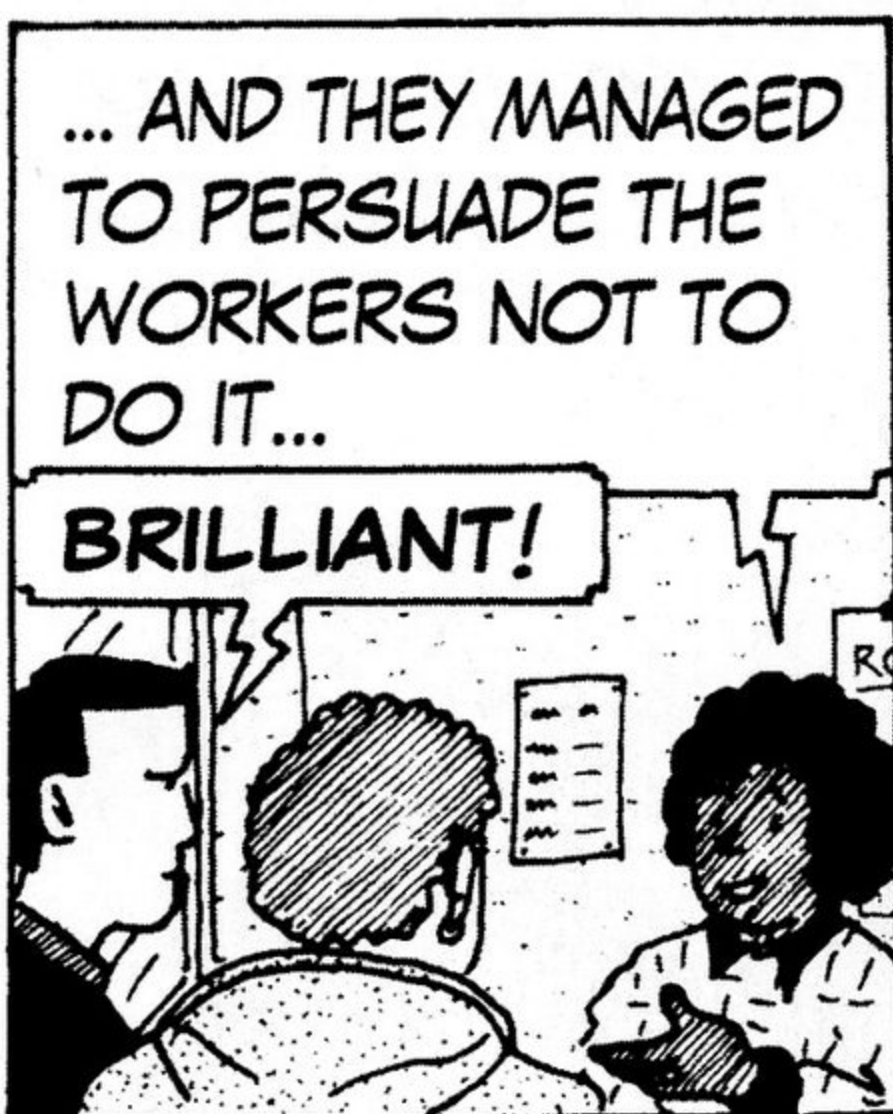
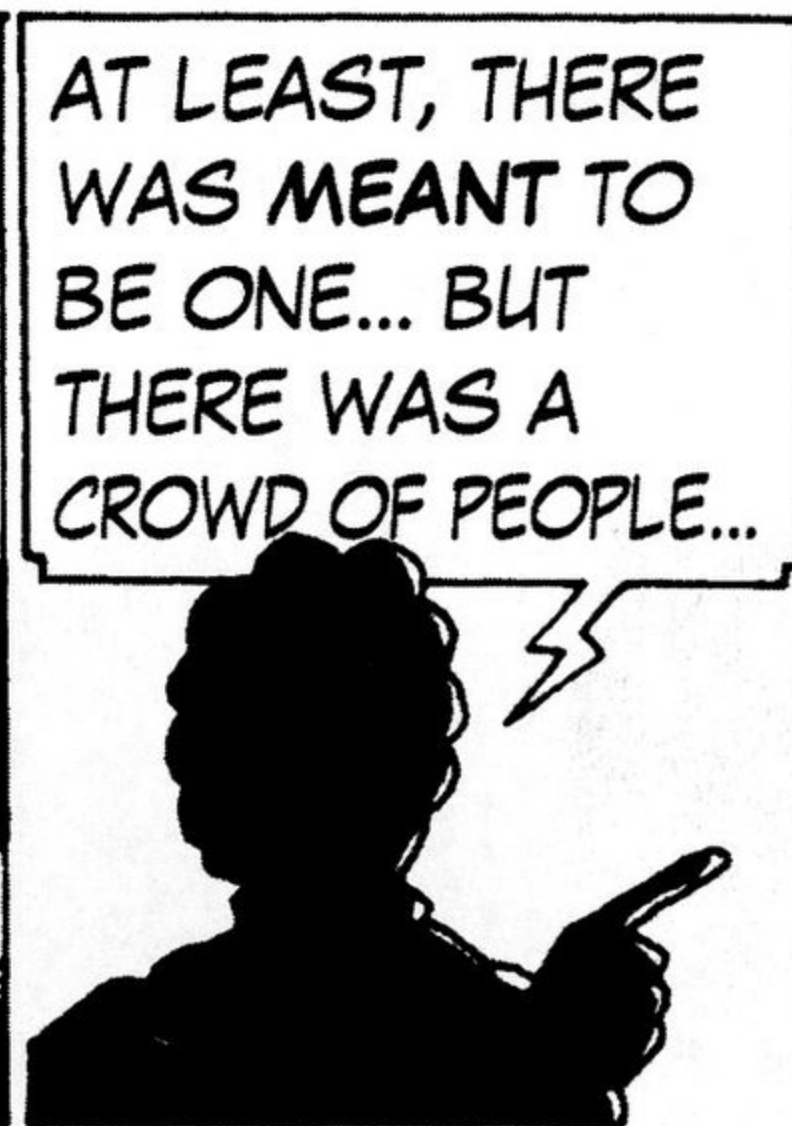
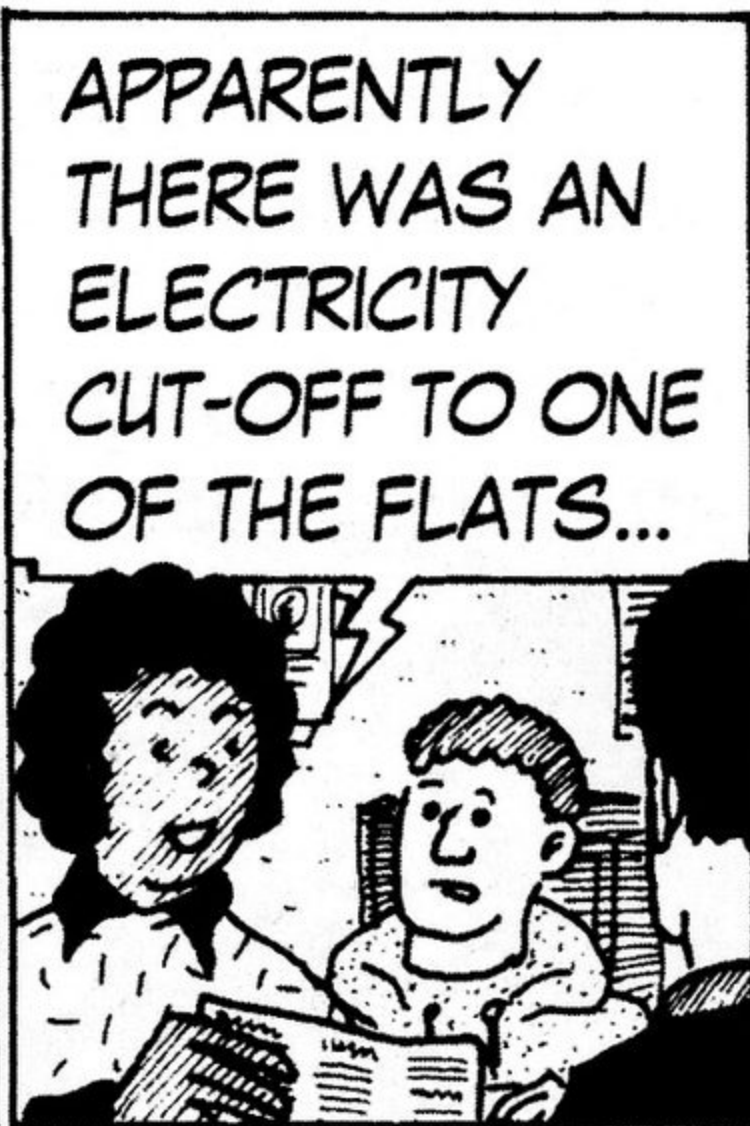
... PUTTING FOOD
PARCELS
TOGETHER...
GETTING MONEY
TO RUN THIS
PLACE...



MONEY DOESN'T
GROW ON TREES,
YOU KNOW...







A LOT OF PEOPLE
WERE RELIEVED
WHEN THEY WERE
KICKED OFF...



... BUT WE'VE
GOT TO TAKE IT
FURTHER...



... YOU KNOW,
MAKE ALL THE
ESTATES NO-GO
AREAS ... FOR
MUGGERS...



... AND RAPISTS!



IF WE DO THAT, DES,
WE'VE GOT TO START
THINKING OF GETTING
FOOD TO PENSIONERS
AND THE DISABLED...



... WHAT? ...
"REVOLUTIONARY
MEALS ON
WHEELS"?!?



YEAH, WHY NOT?
IT'S OKAY TO HAVE
THESE GREAT
IDEAS...



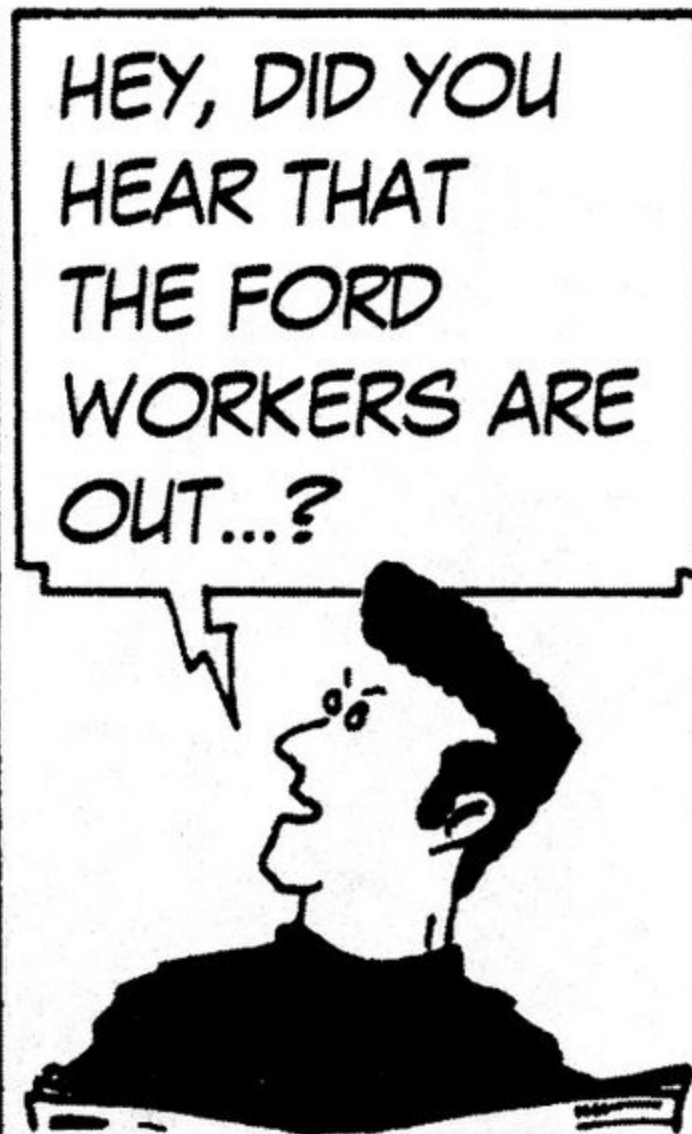
... BUT FOR SOME
PEOPLE, A NO-GO
AREA MEANS EVEN
MORE HARDSHIP!

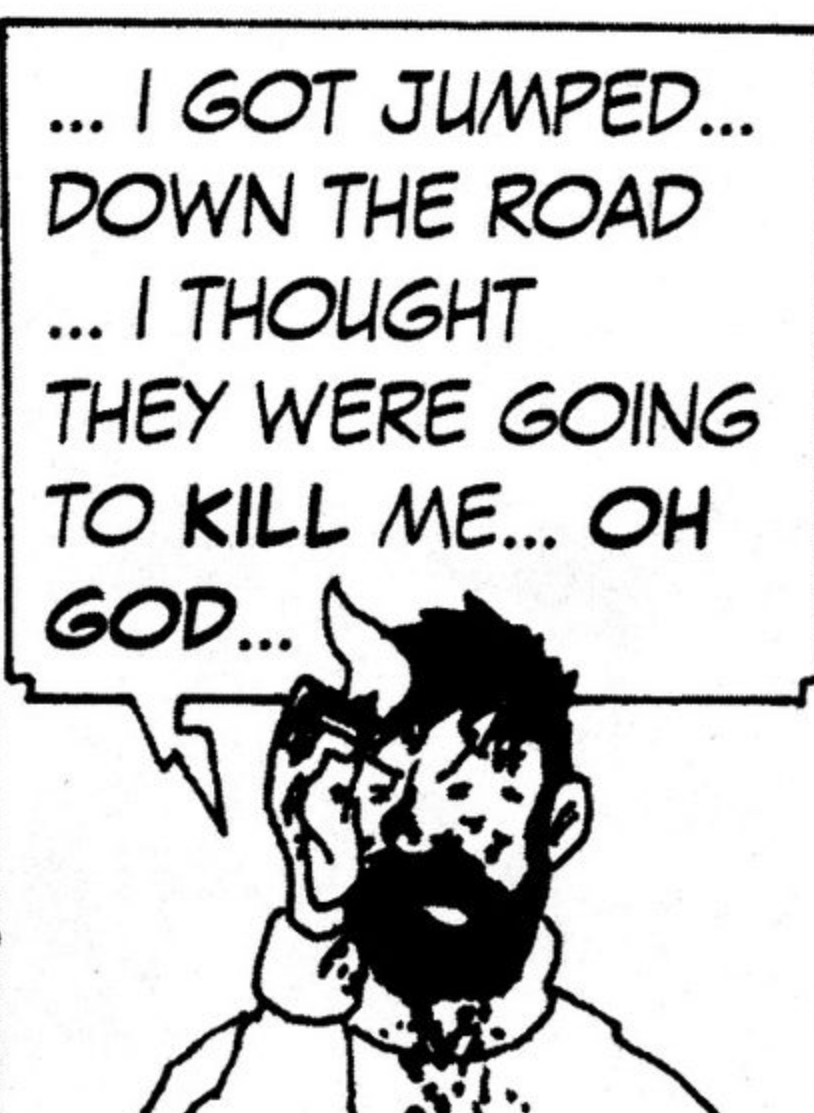


SHIT! ... YEAH,
I'D NEVER
THOUGHT OF
THAT...





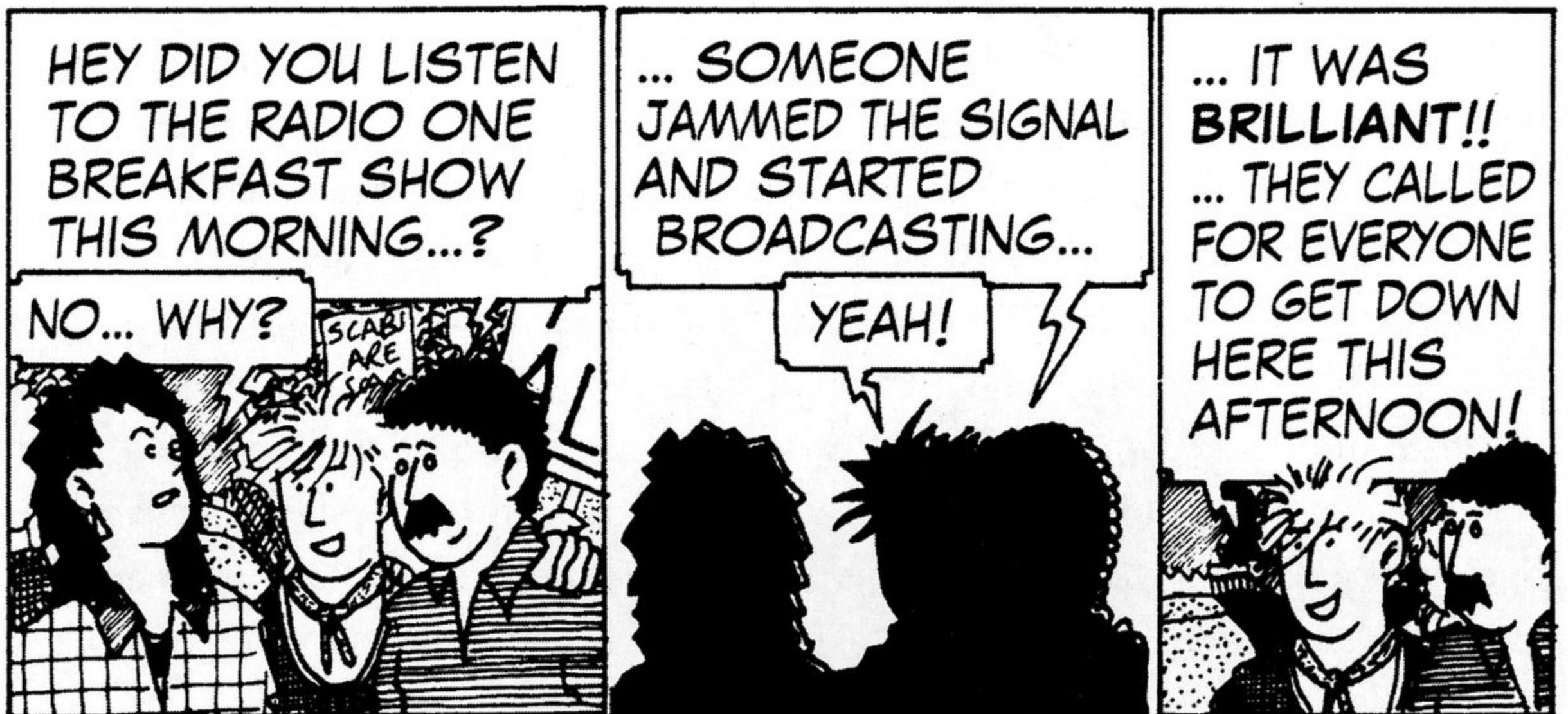




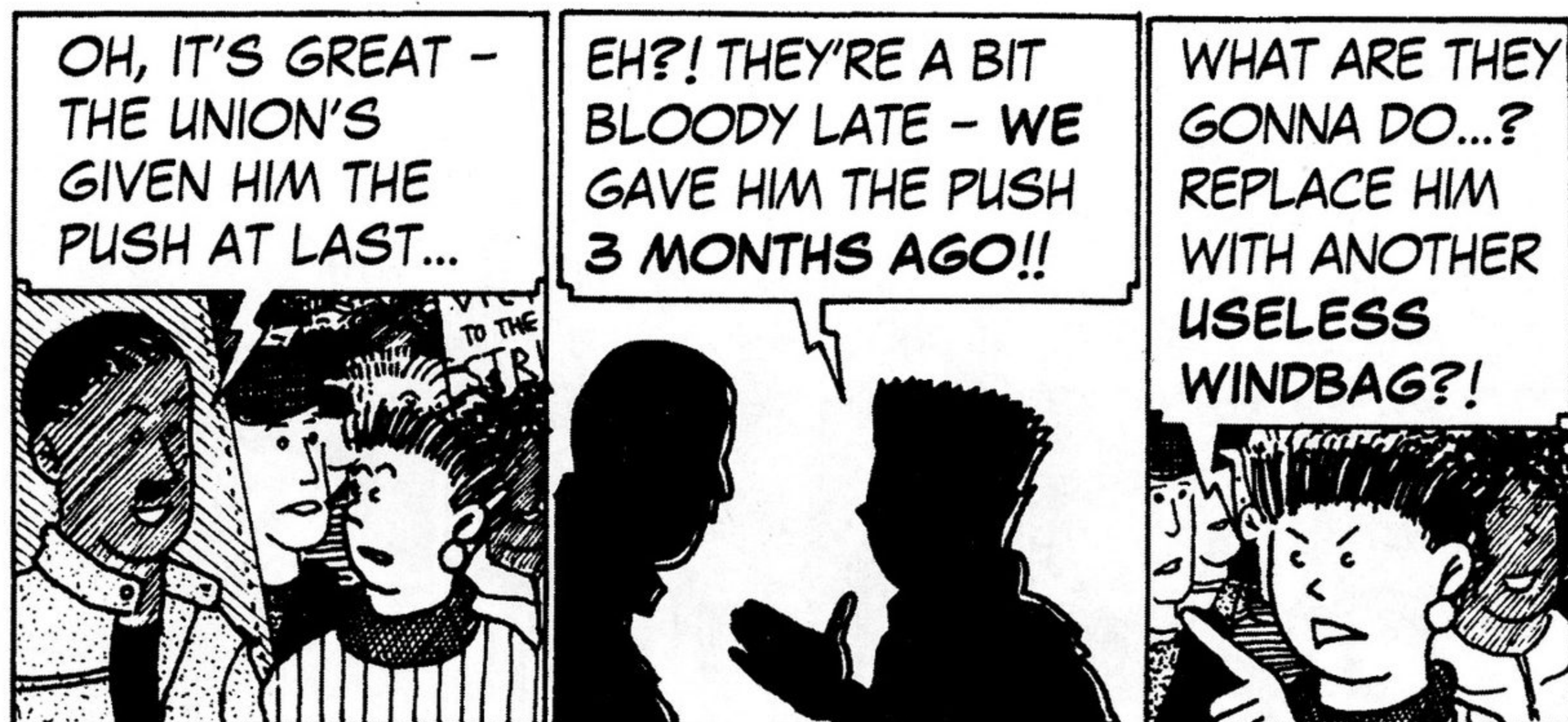












HMM... YEAH, I SUPPOSE
IT IS THE FIRST
THING THE TUC HAS
TRIED TO DO SINCE
THE STRIKE STARTED...



ACH!! THEY NEVER
DO ANYTHING...
EXCEPT SIT ON
THEIR OVERPAID
ARSES!!



LEFT AND RIGHT,
... MILLS AND
JONES, THEY'RE
ALL A BUNCH
OF WANKERS!



PHEW! WE MUST BE
ALMOST THERE - WE'VE
BEEN WALKING FOR
OVER AN HOUR...



DON'T WORRY,
DAD - DERBY
ROAD'S JUST
BEHIND THIS
ESTATE...



BLOODY HELL! THE
OLD BILL... THERE'S
THOUSANDS OF 'EM!

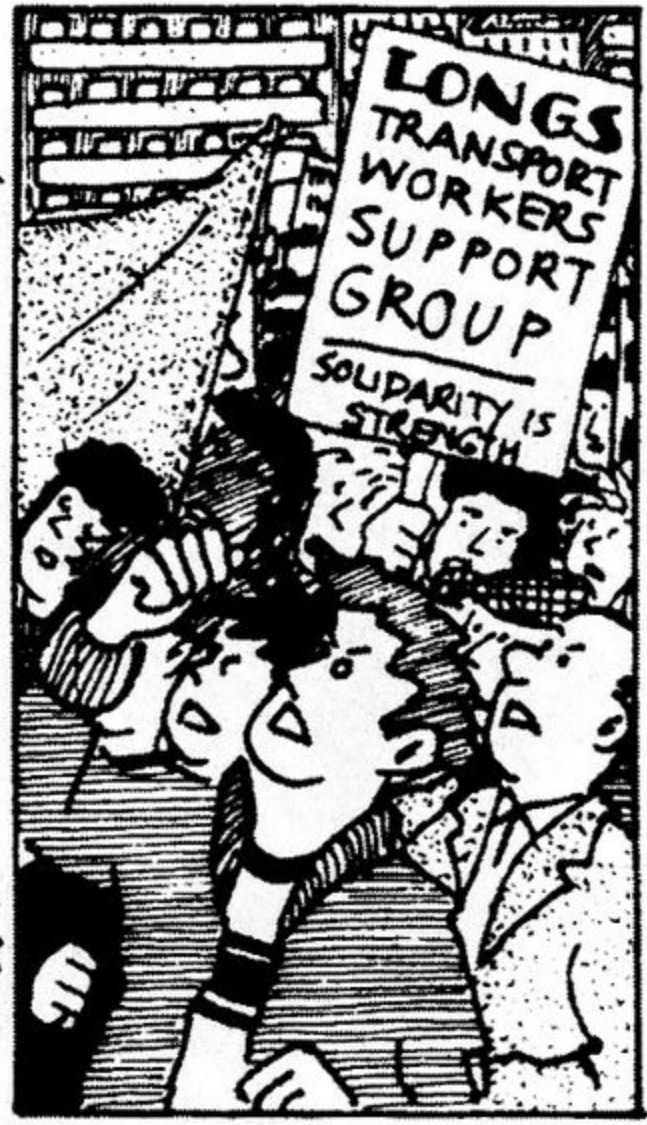
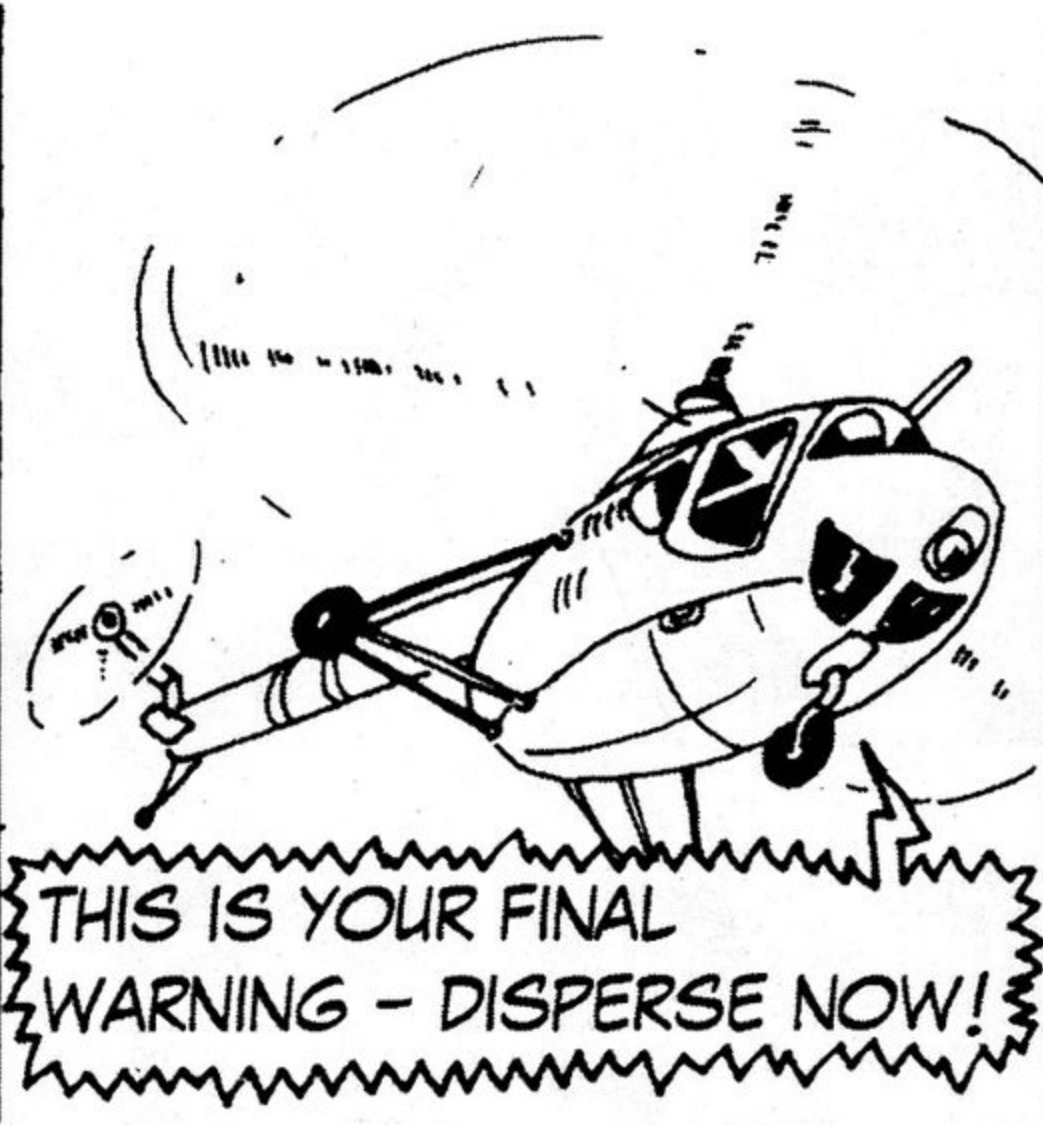


SOMETHING TELLS
ME THEY AIN'T
GONNA LET US
GET NEAR THE SITE
TODAY.....

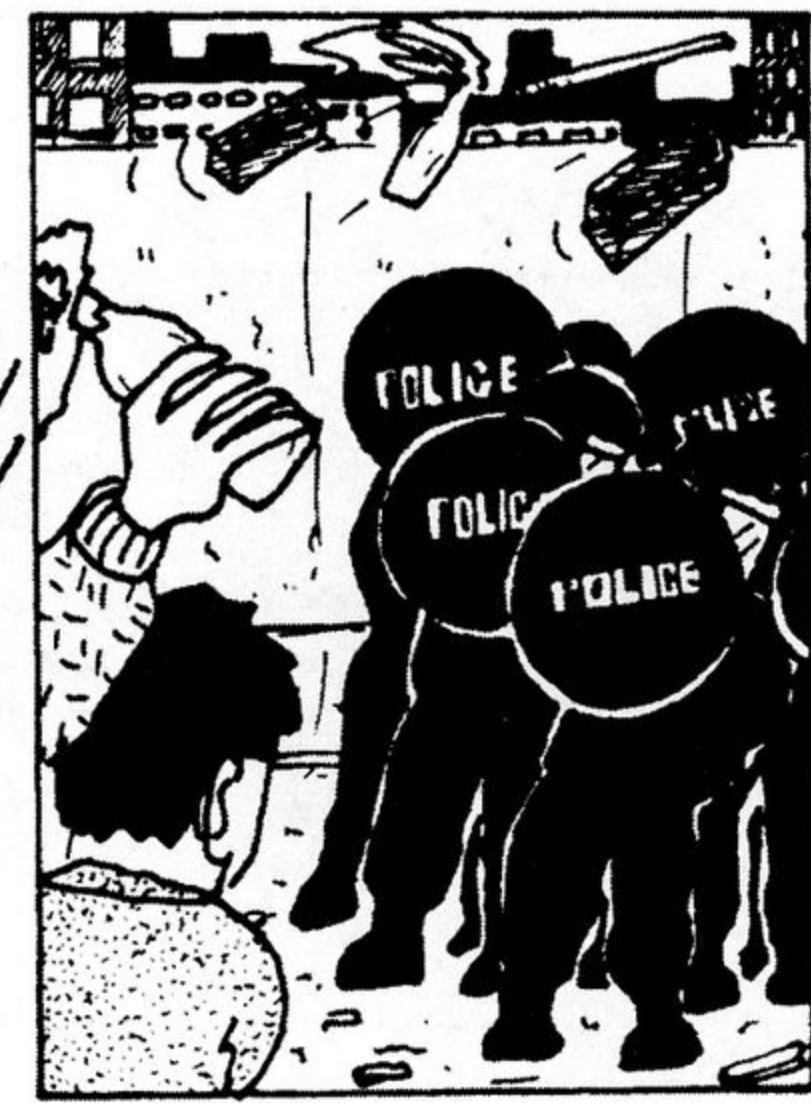
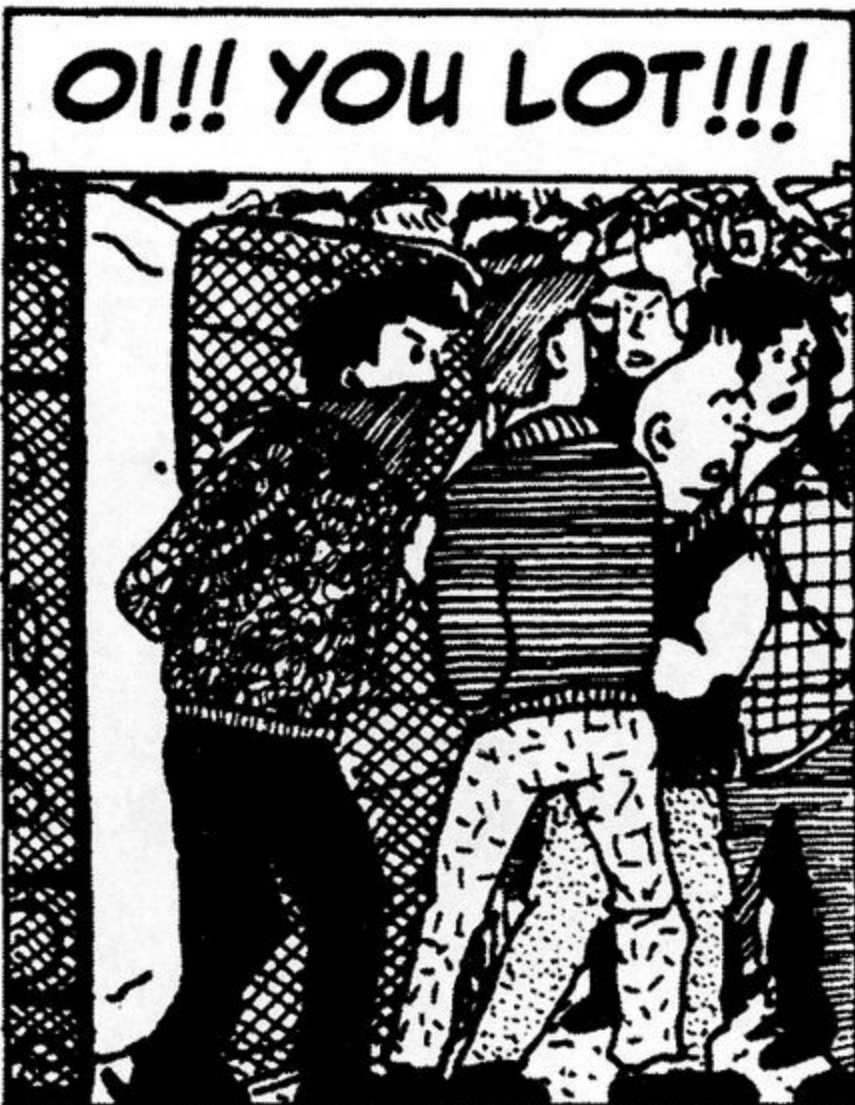


I THINK YOU
MIGHT JUST BE
RIGHT, LOVE...

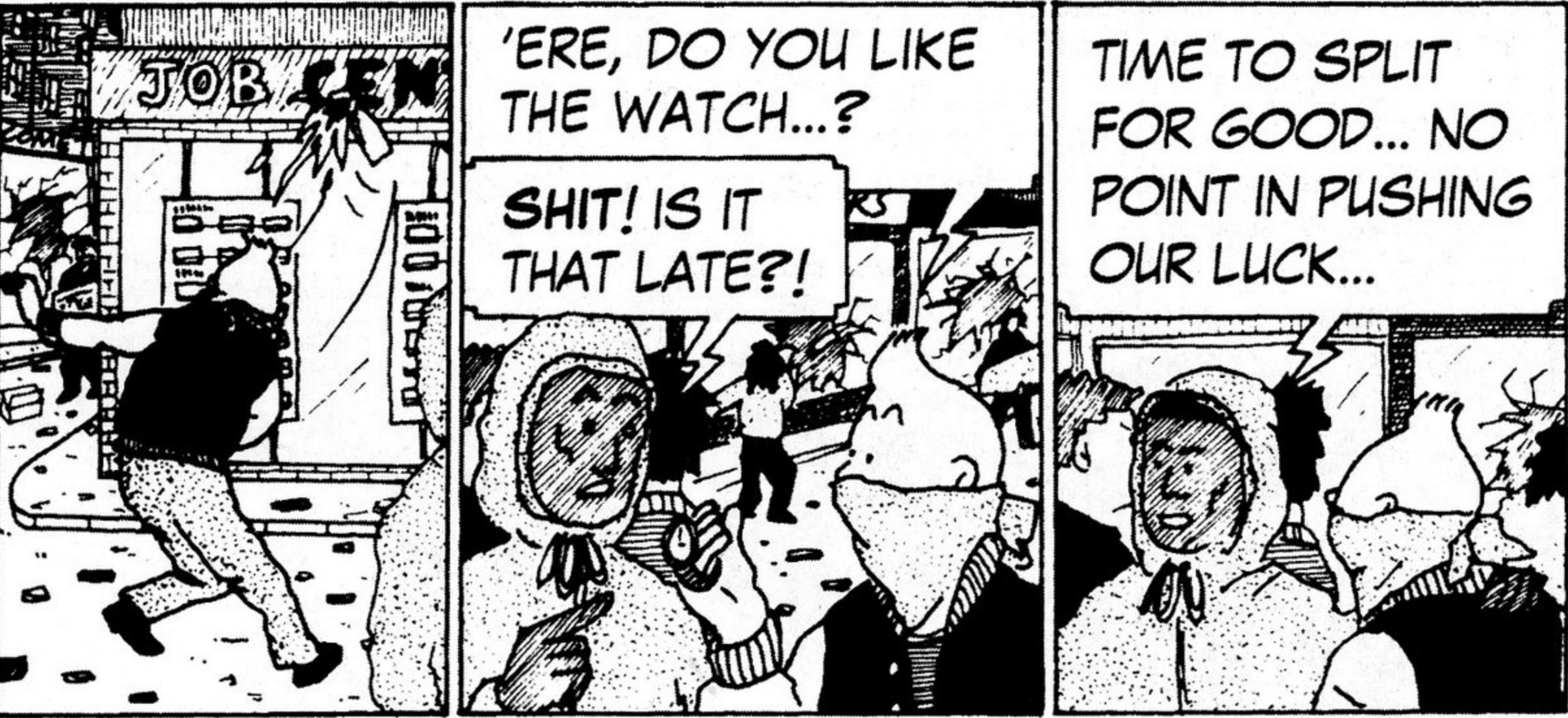
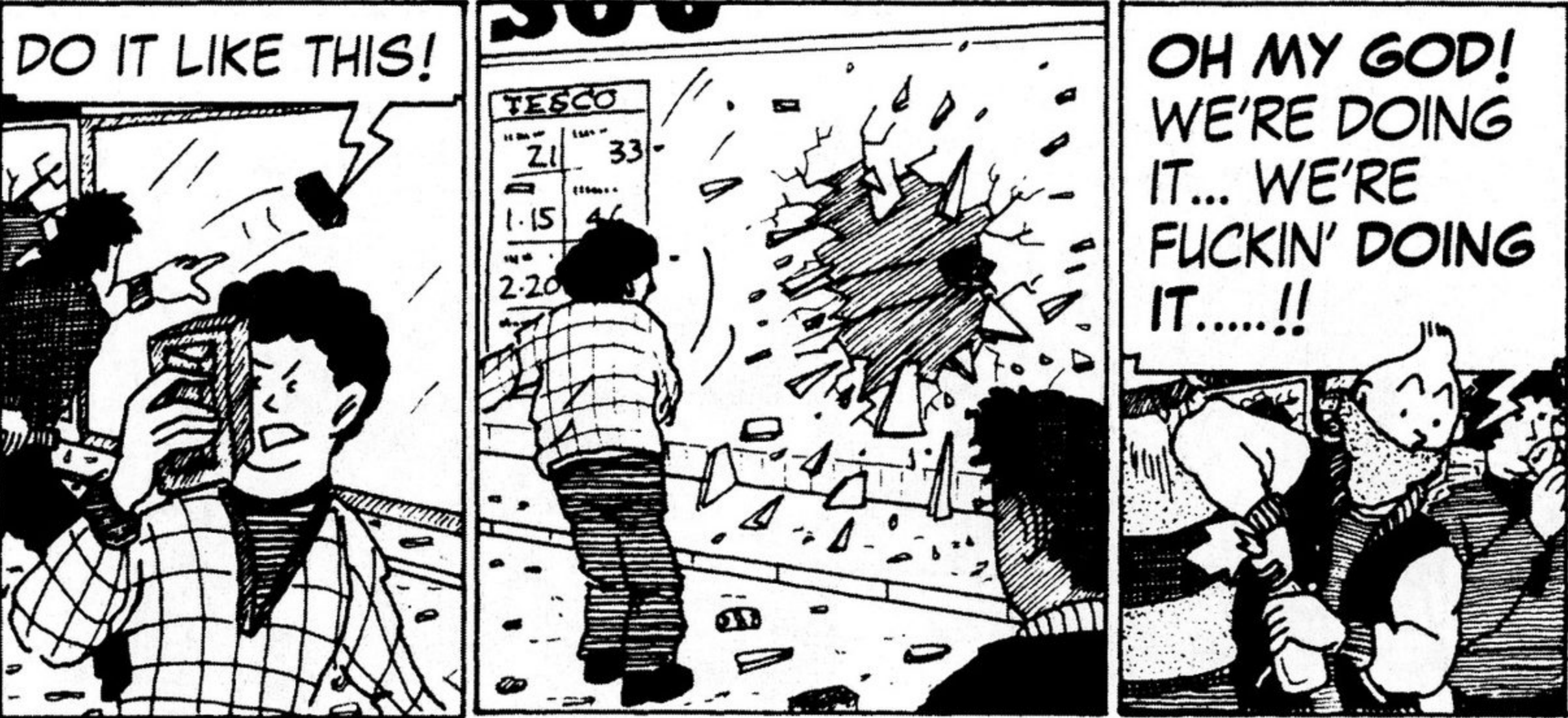












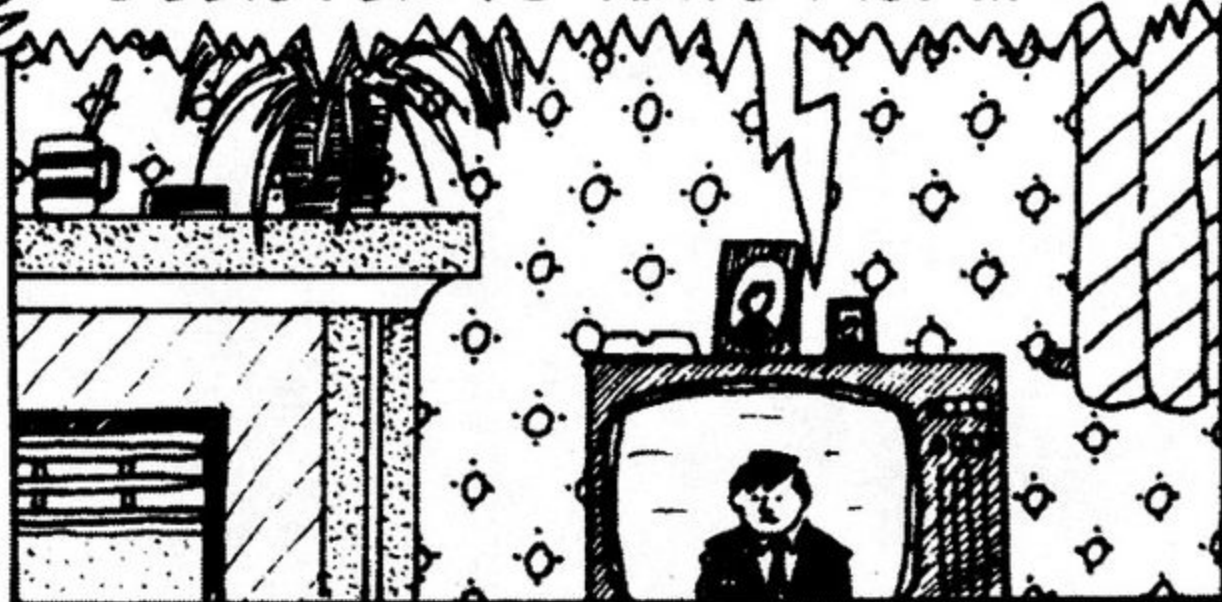
... THE GOVERNMENT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO
TIGHTEN UP THE LAW ON DEMONSTRATIONS FOLLOWING
LAST NIGHT'S VIOLENCE...



... THE TROUBLE FLARED
AFTER A DEMONSTRATION
IN SUPPORT OF THE THREE
MONTH OLD BUILDING
WORKERS' STRIKE...



... UNCONFIRMED REPORTS
SUGGEST THAT ONE POLICE
OFFICER WAS MURDERED...
TWO RIOTERS ARE ALSO
BELIEVED TO HAVE DIED...

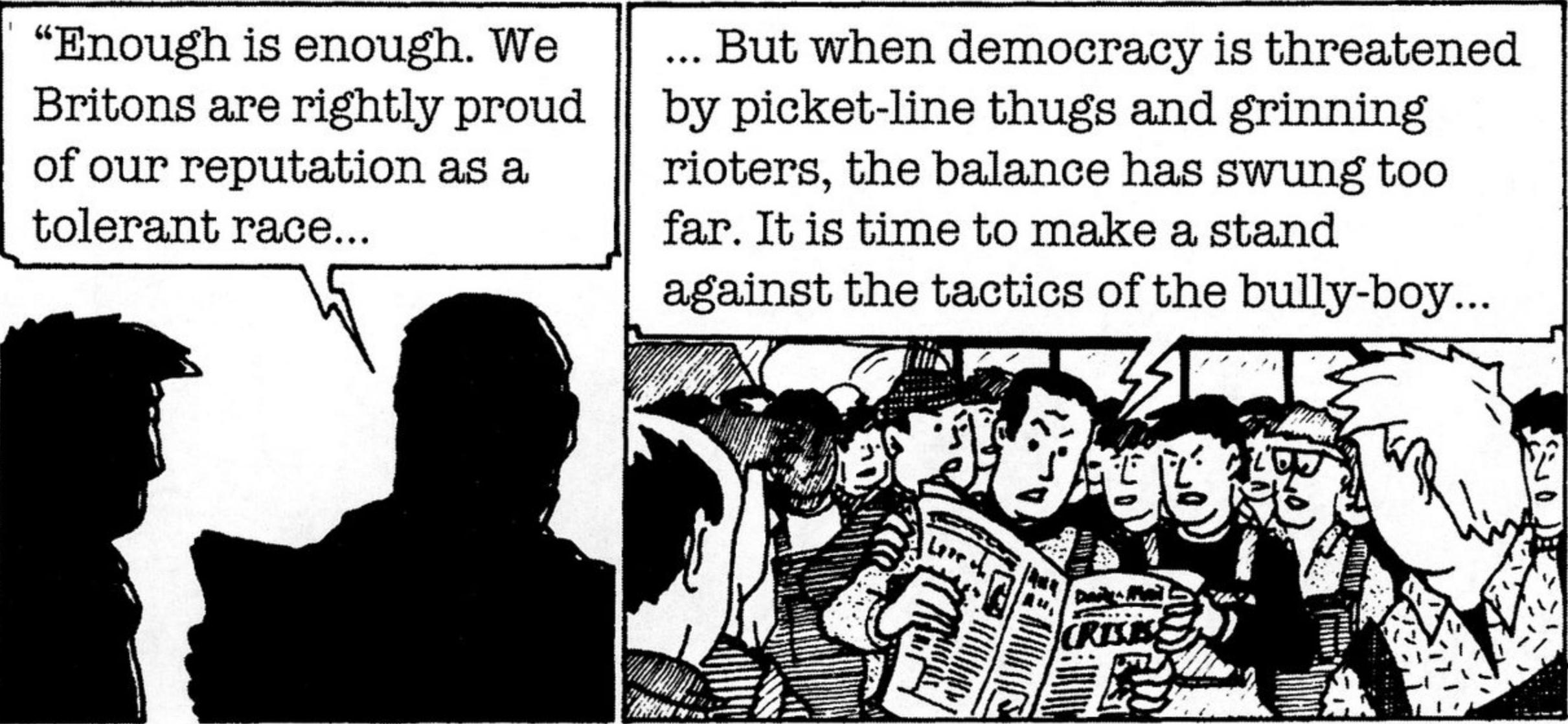


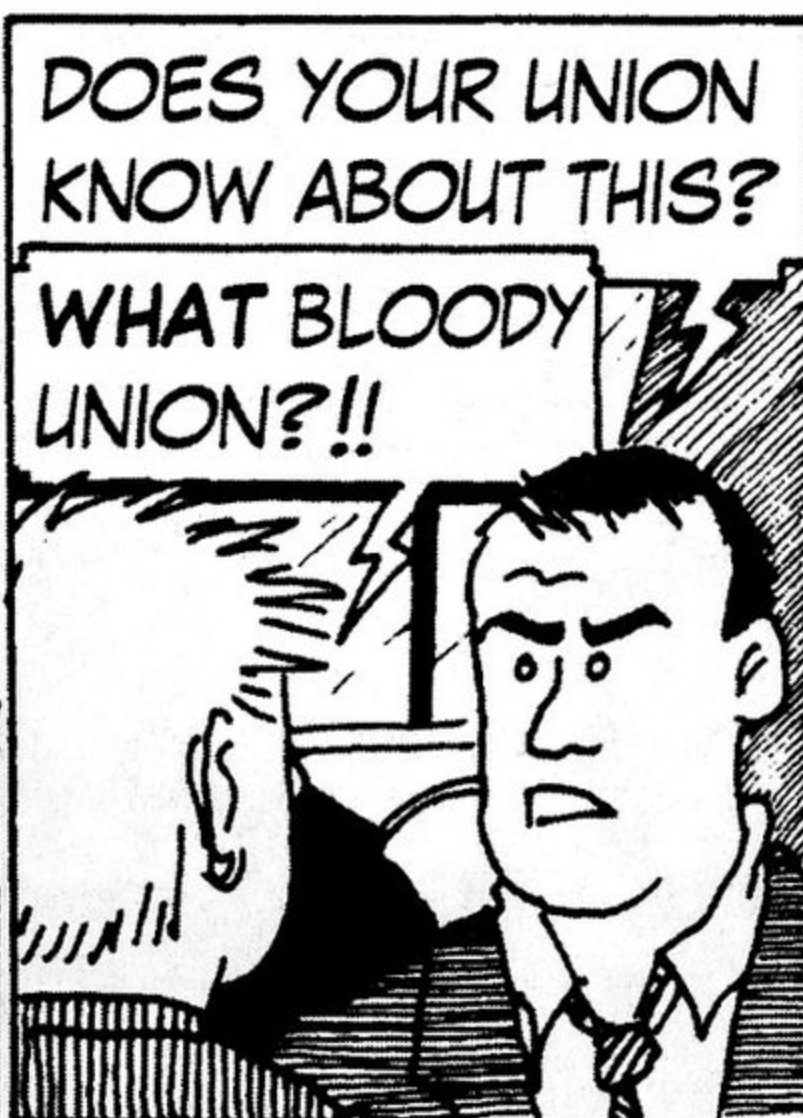
... DOZENS OF BUILDINGS
WERE ATTACKED, INCLUDING
THE POLICE STATION, SOCIAL
SECURITY OFFICES AND A
NUMBER OF SHOPS...

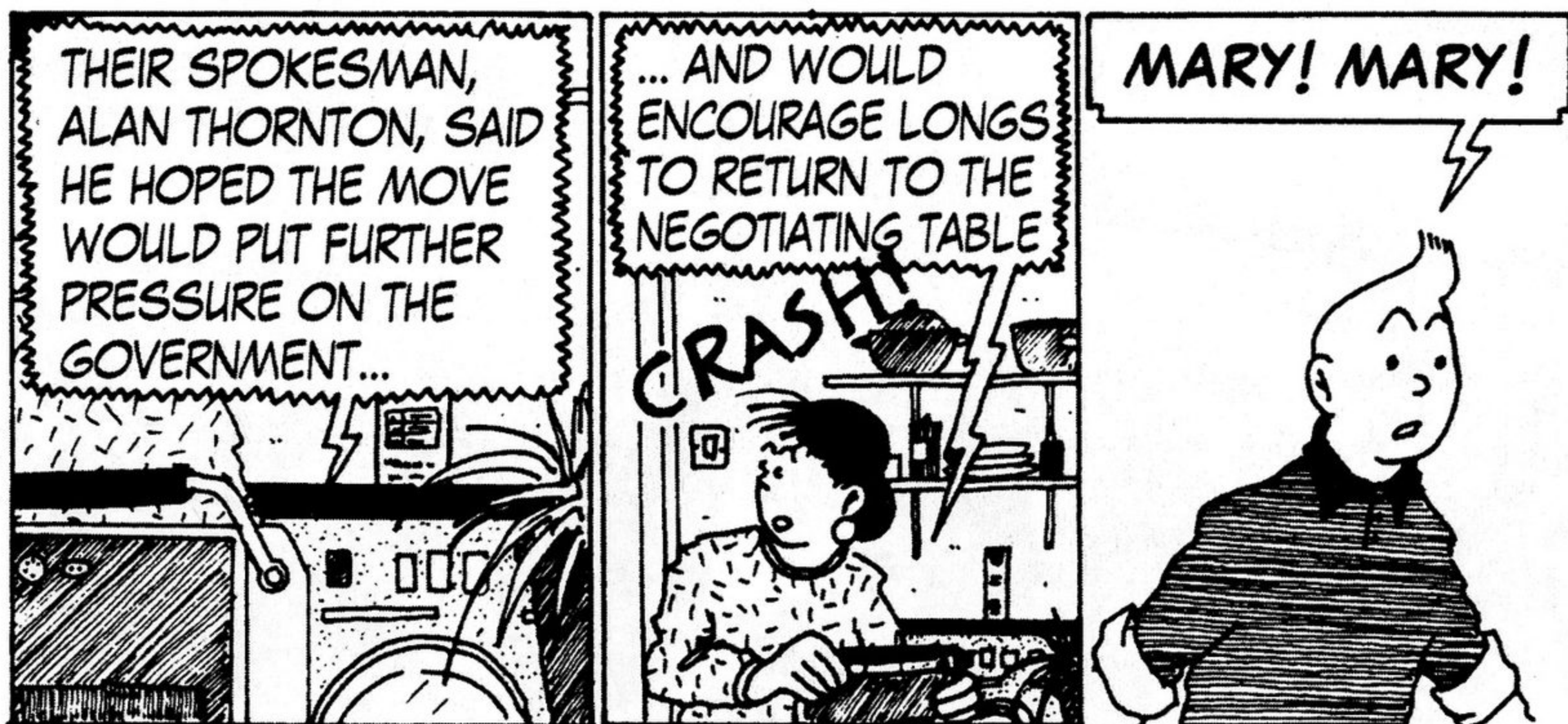
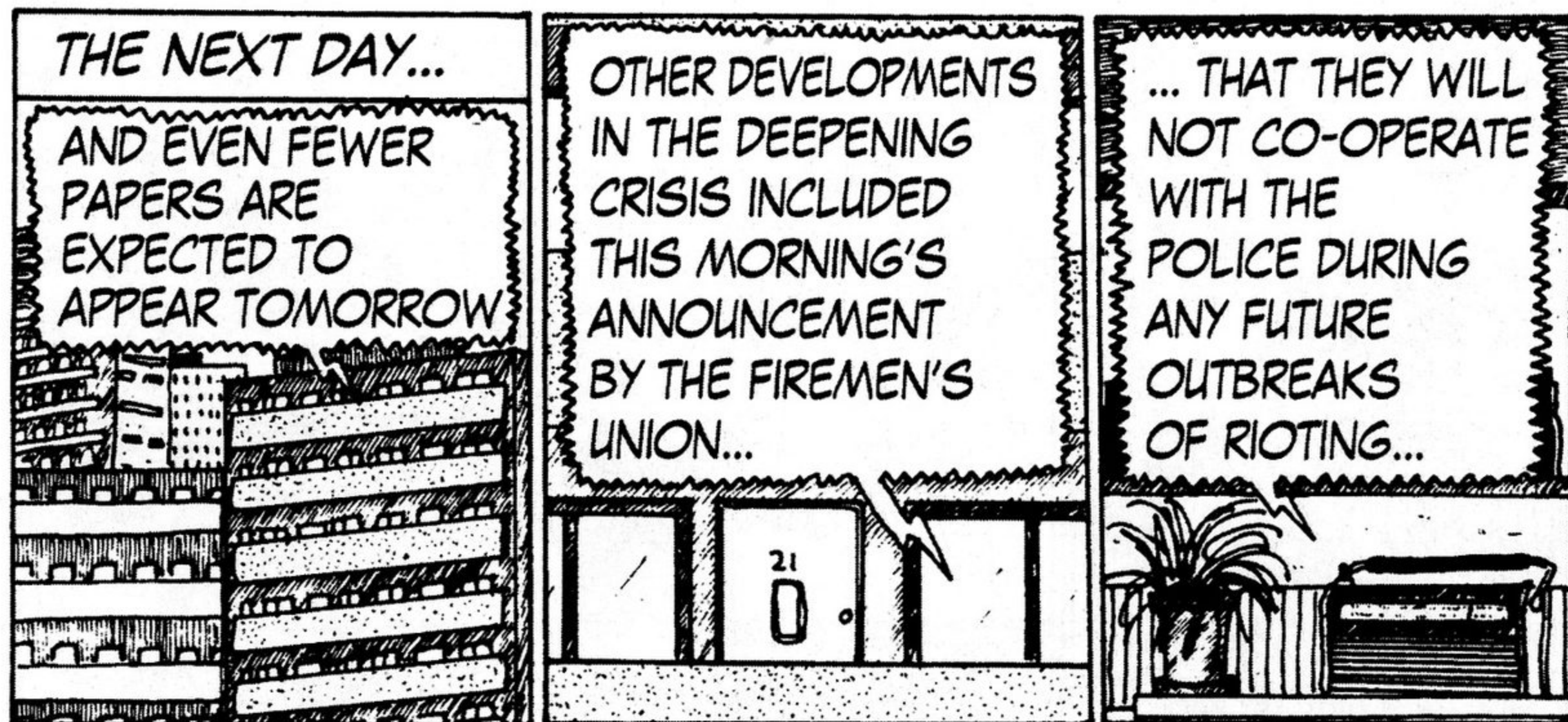


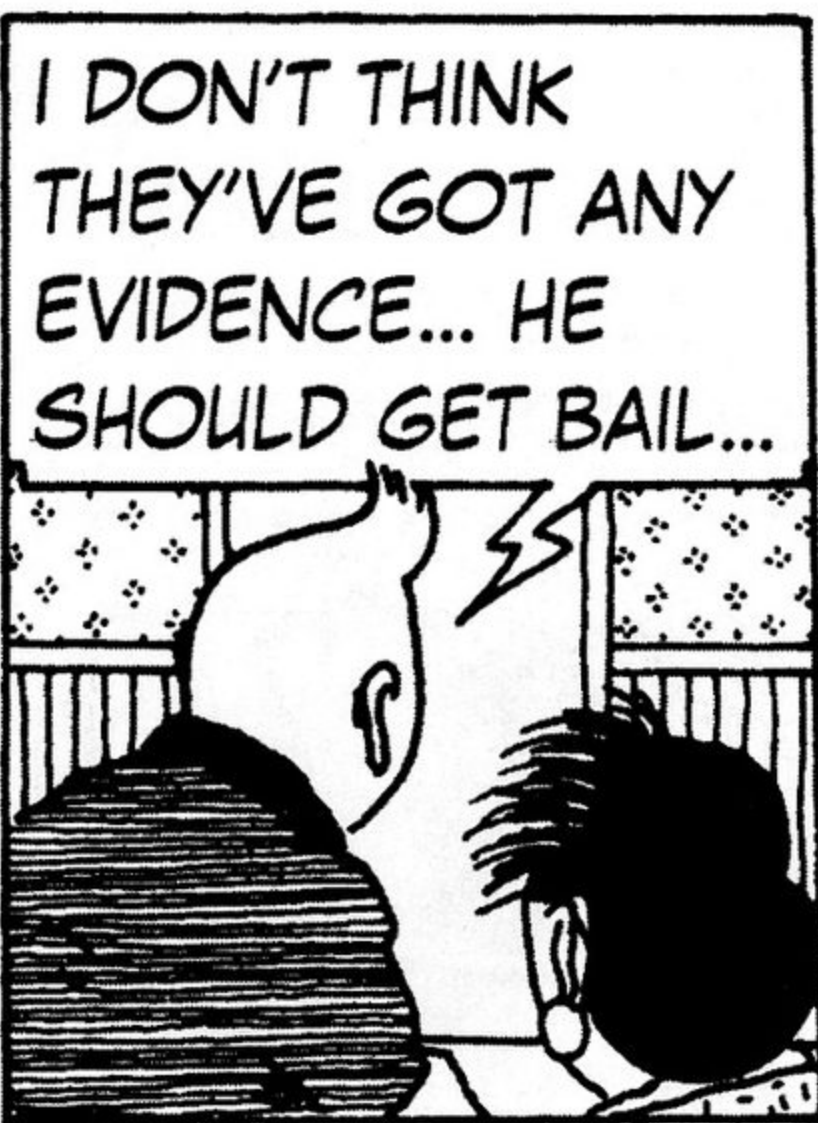
... POLICE ARRESTED 39
PEOPLE. MOST HAVE BEEN
CHARGED WITH PUBLIC
ORDER OFFENCES...
THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS
OF TROUBLE IN
OTHER PARTS OF
THE COUNTRY...

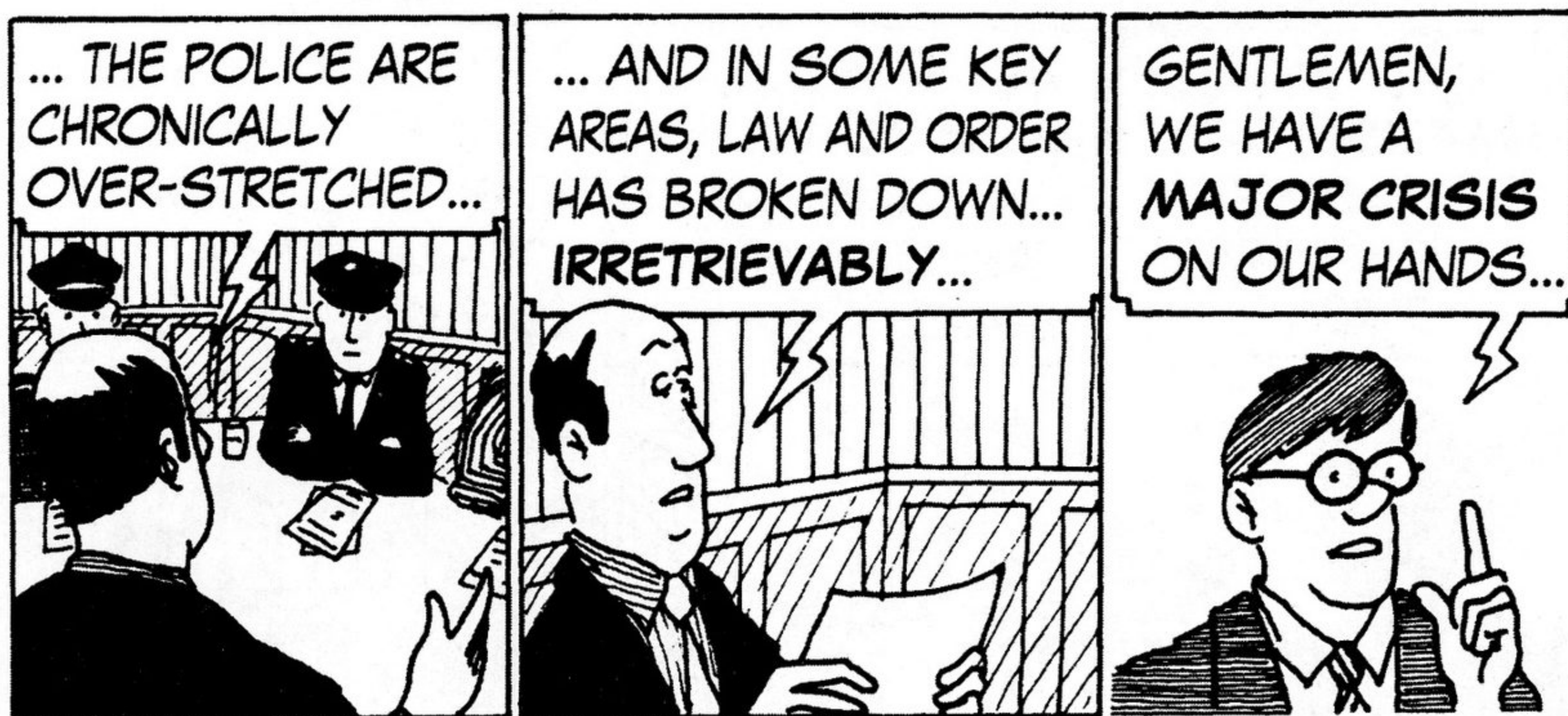
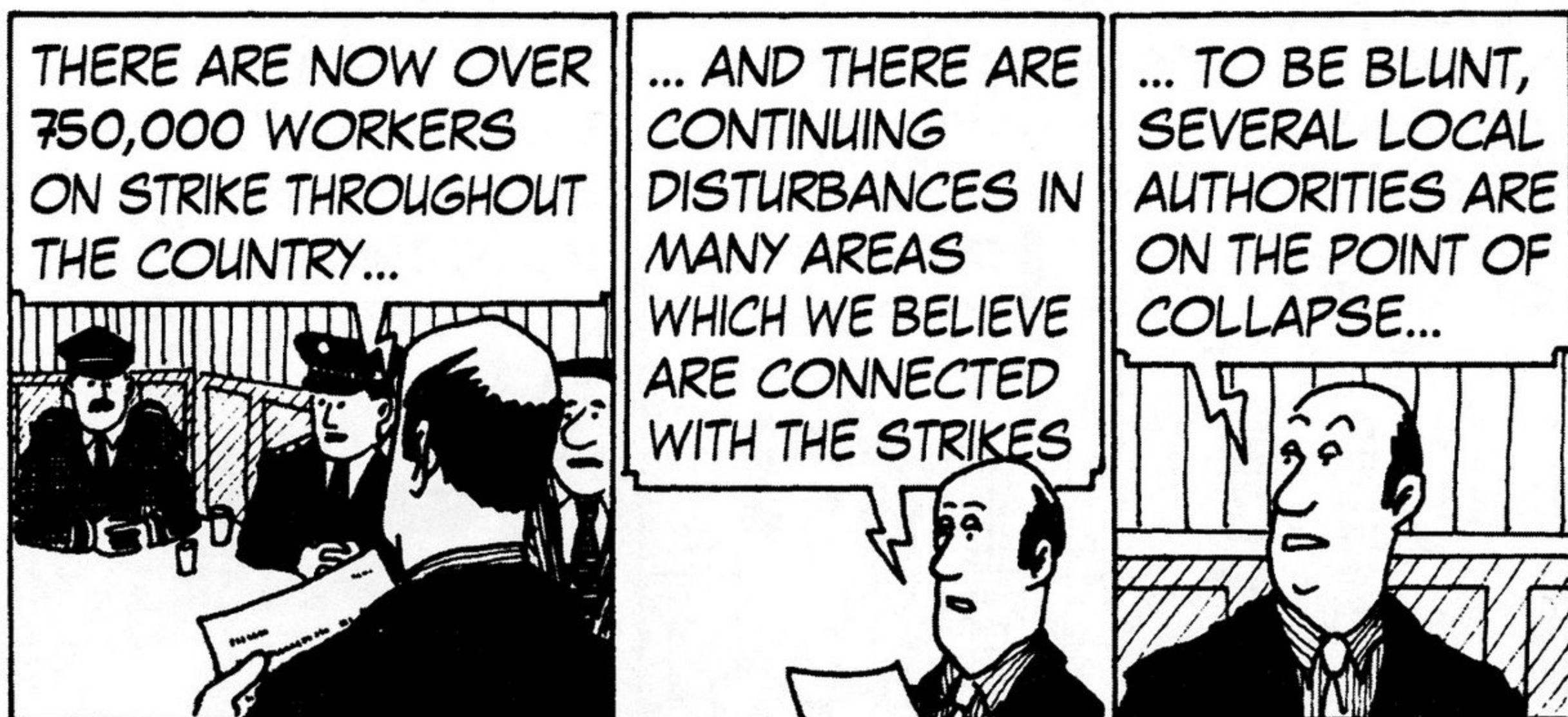
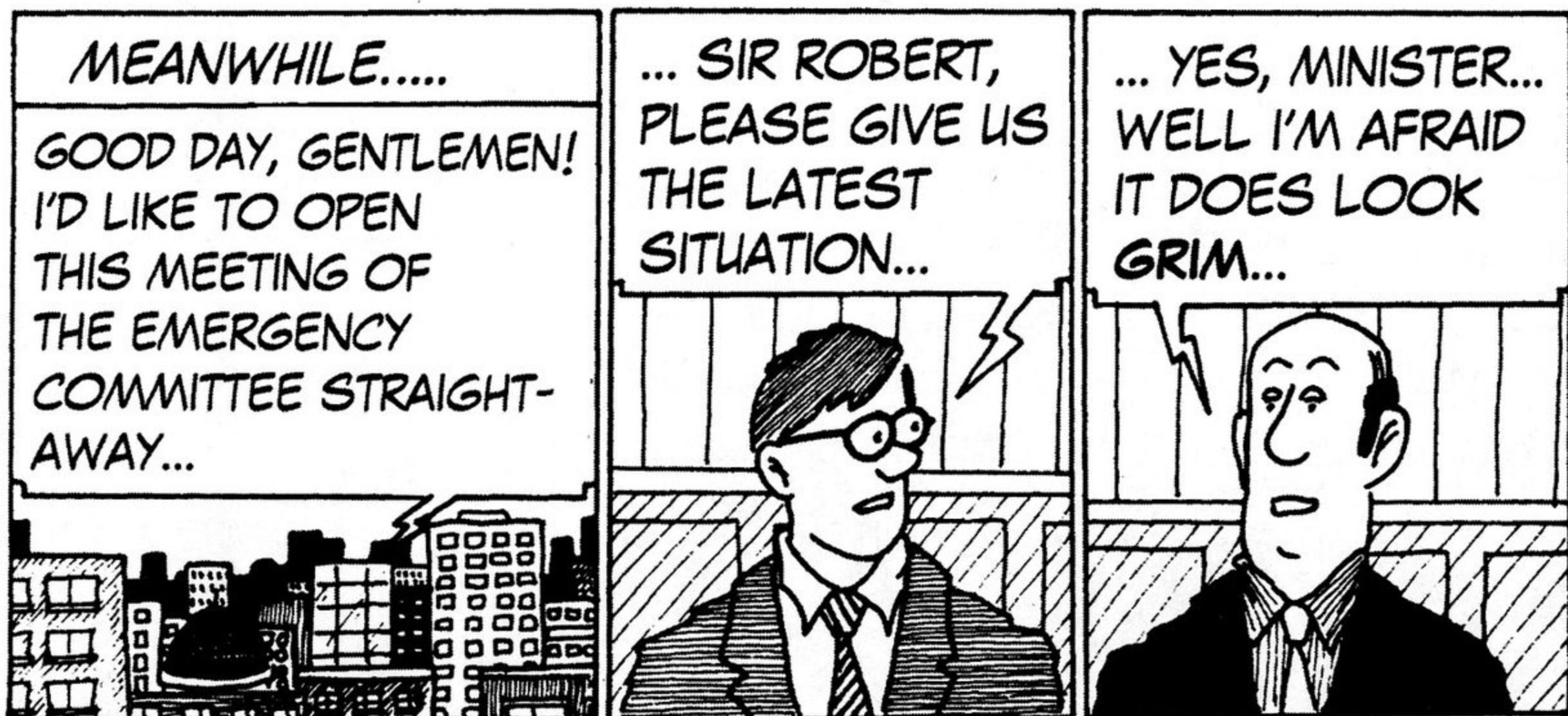












WHAT PARTICULARLY WORRIES ME ARE THESE SO-CALLED REGIONAL STRIKE CO-ORDINATIONS...



HMPH! DAMN SUBVERSIVES!

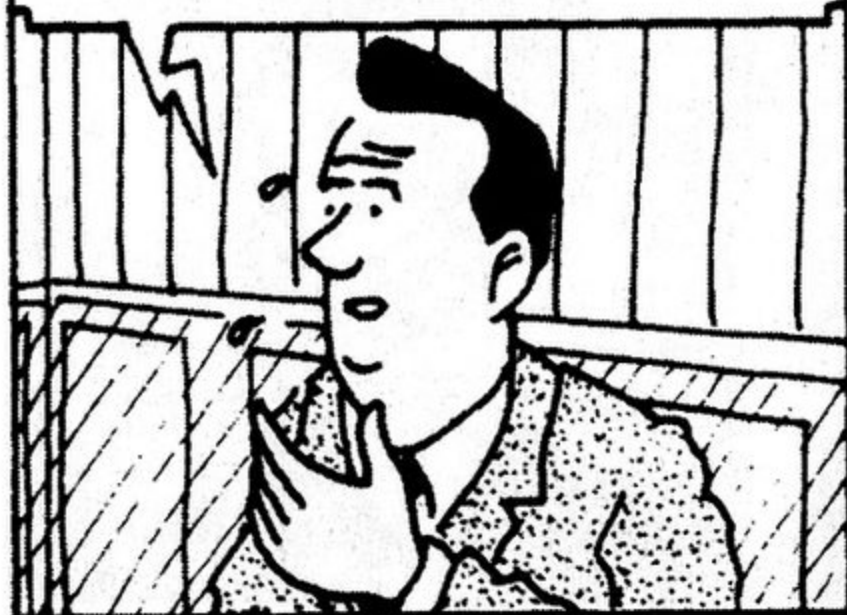
I QUITE AGREE GENERAL, BUT THE TRUTH IS WE'VE NEVER FACED THIS LEVEL OF ORGANISATION BEFORE



... WHAT SCARES ME IS THE TOTAL LACK OF UNION REPRESENTATION ON THESE R.S.C.s



IT'S THE COMMUNISTS, SIR ROBERT... THEY'VE STIRRED UP THE WORKERS AGAINST THE UNIONS...



... THE R.S.C.s WILL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH US AT TRANSPORT HOUSE...



I THINK IT'S ABOUT BLOODY TIME YOU STOPPED SNIVELLING AND DID SOMETHING TO GET YOUR MEN BACK UNDER CONTROL!!



... OR ELSE WE'LL HAVE TO START CONSIDERING MORE SEVERE MEASURES...

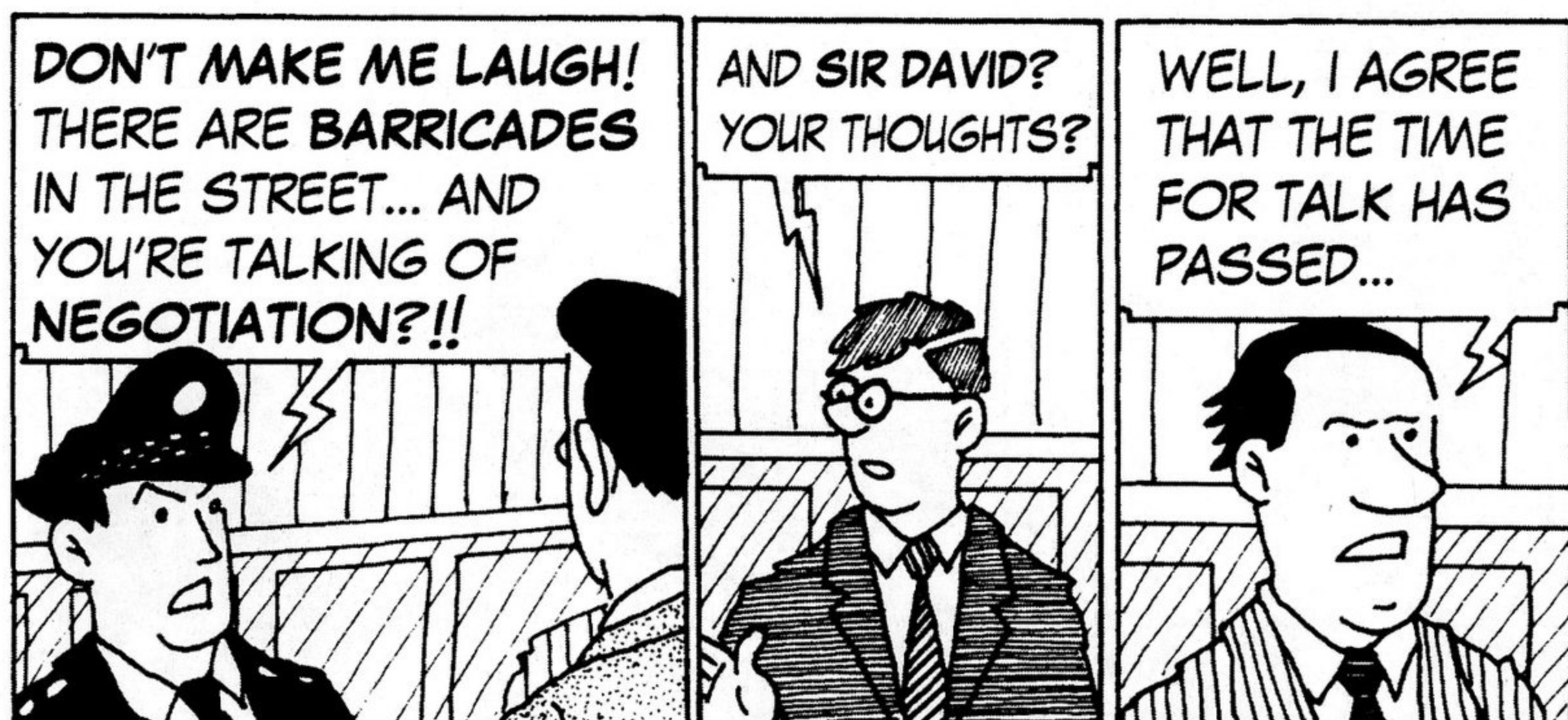
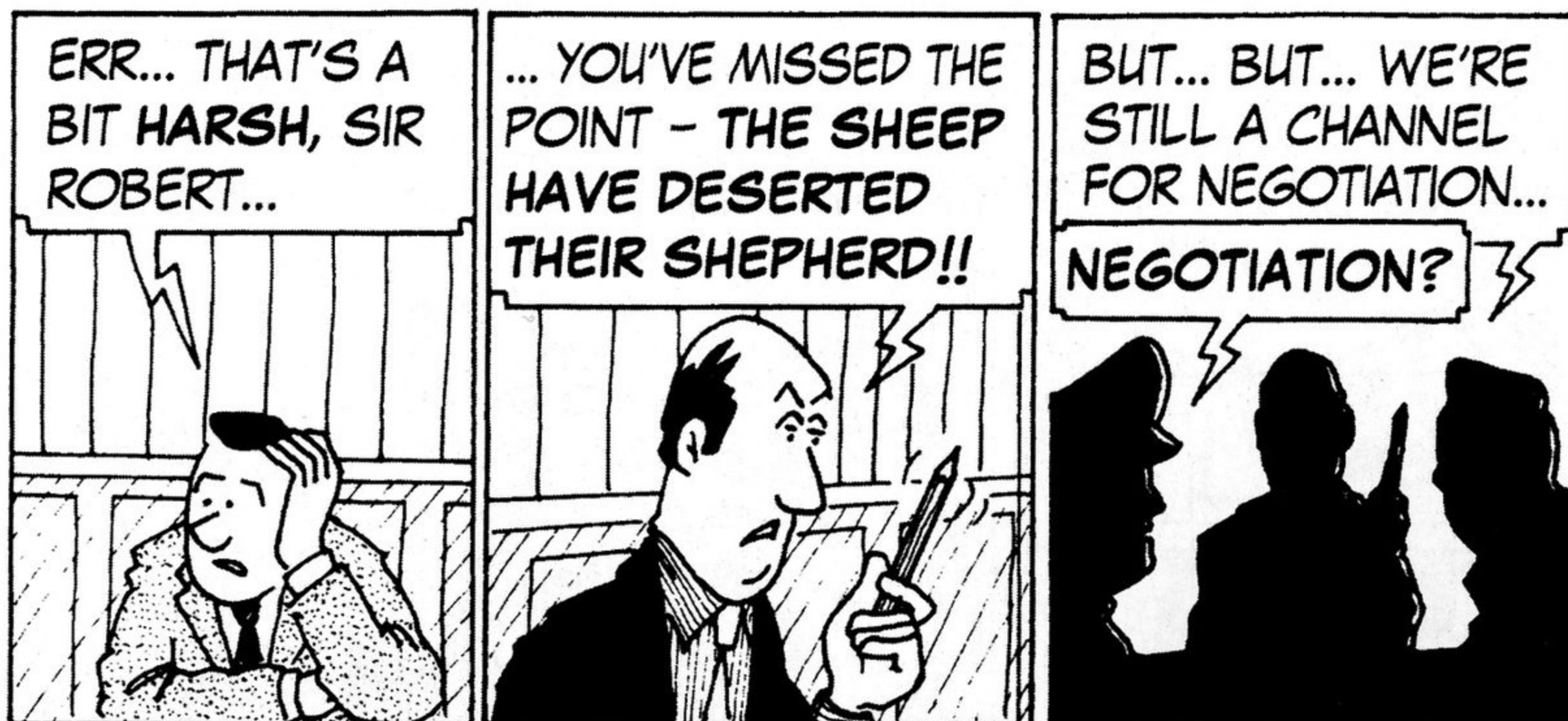


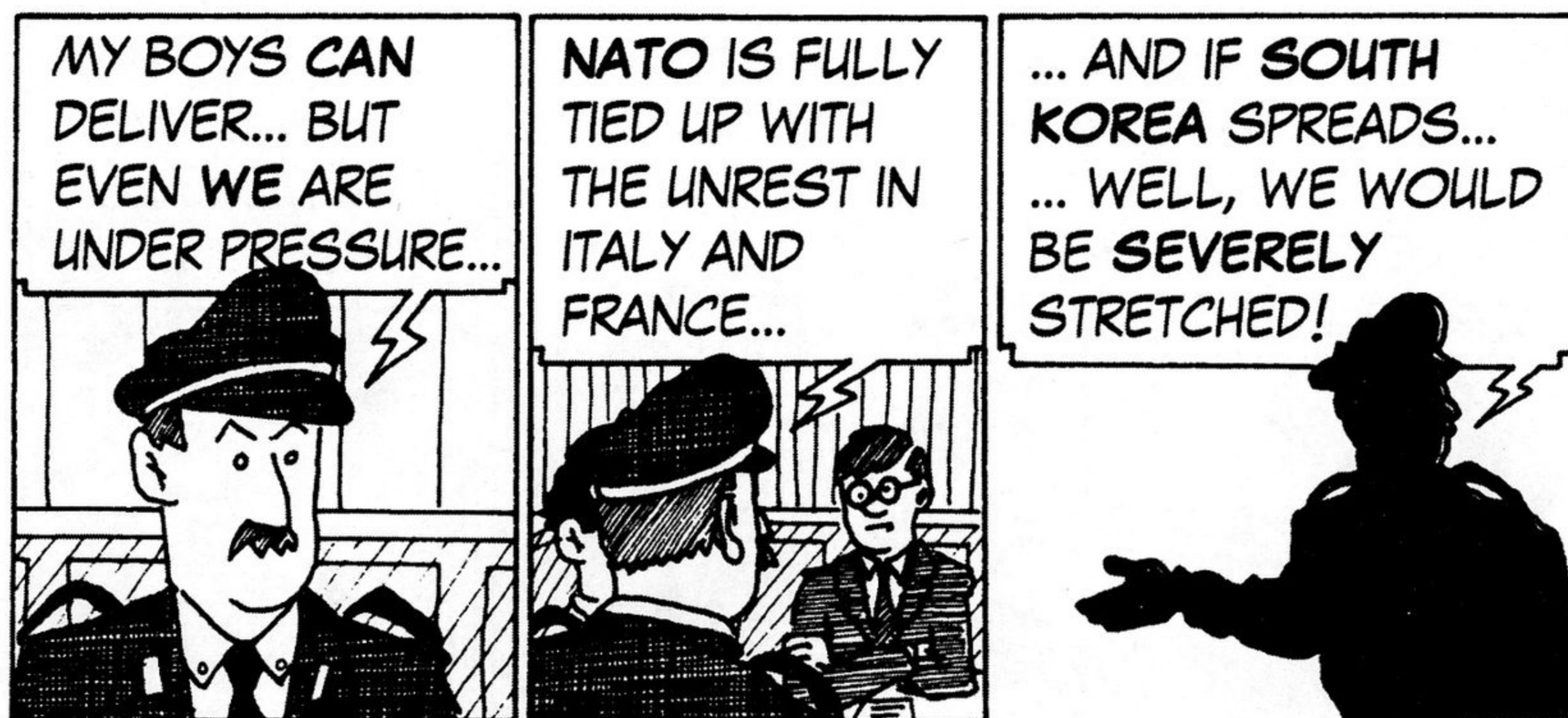
WITH RESPECT, GENERAL, WE HAVE ALREADY PASSED THAT STAGE...

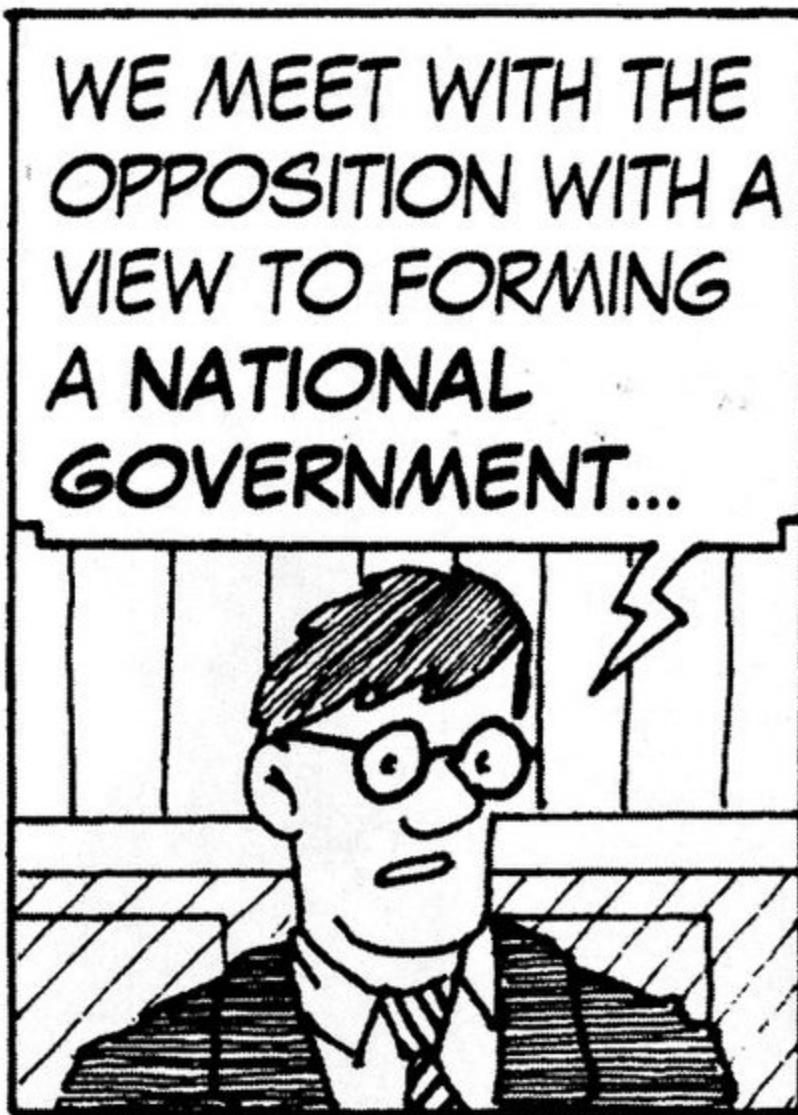


... THE R.S.C.s HAVE PROVED TO BE A VIABLE FORM OF ORGANISATION... I CAN SEE NO ROLE FOR THE UNIONS!









A FEW DAYS LATER...

I CAN'T WAIT FOR
WEDNESDAY...



I THINK IT'S GONNA
BE MASSIVE...
EVERYONE'S TALKING
ABOUT IT...



ALL THAT THIS
BLOODY BAN
HAS DONE
IT MAKE IT
BIGGER...!



IT'S AMAZING!
I CAN'T REMEMBER
EVER FEELING LIKE
THIS BEFORE...



THE RAIL AND BUS
STRIKES ARE
DEFINITELY ON
ACCORDING TO
LAST NIGHT'S R.S.C.



... AND THERE'S
GONNA BE DEMOS
IN BIRMINGHAM,
MANCHESTER,
GLASGOW, BELFAST...



HOW'S THE PAPER
COMING ALONG?
DID THEY SAY?



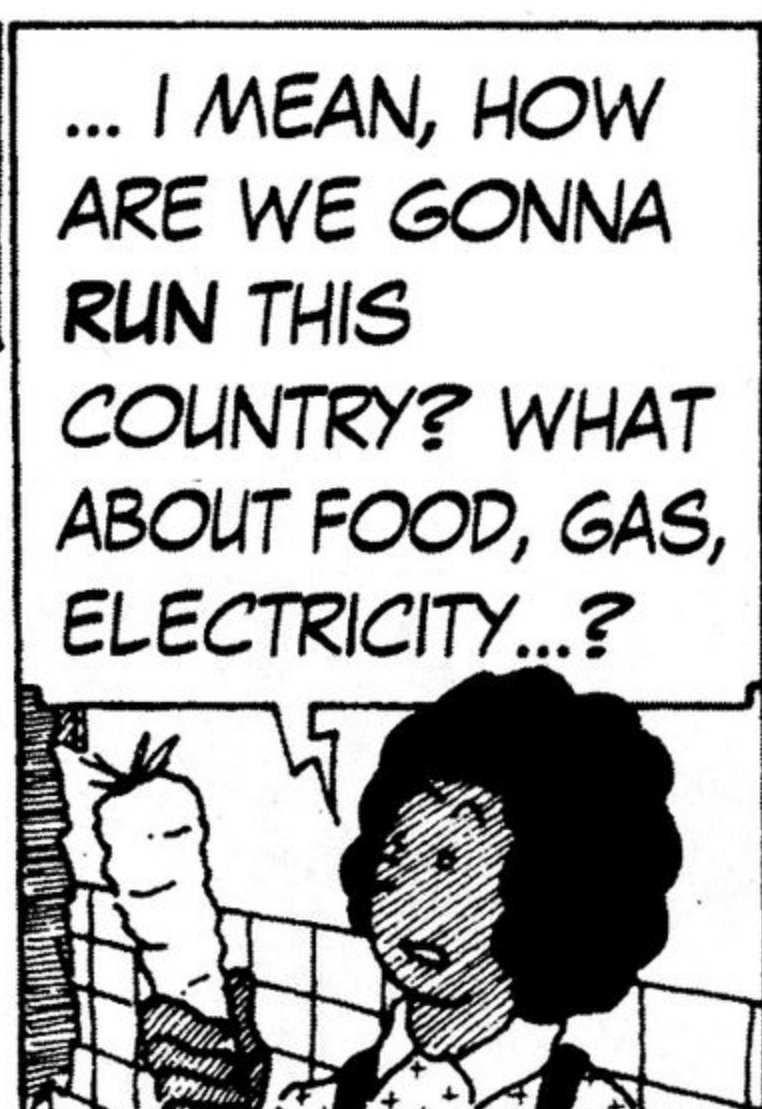
... YEH, IT'S LOOKING
GOOD... THEY'RE
TALKING OF DOING
250,000 COPIES...

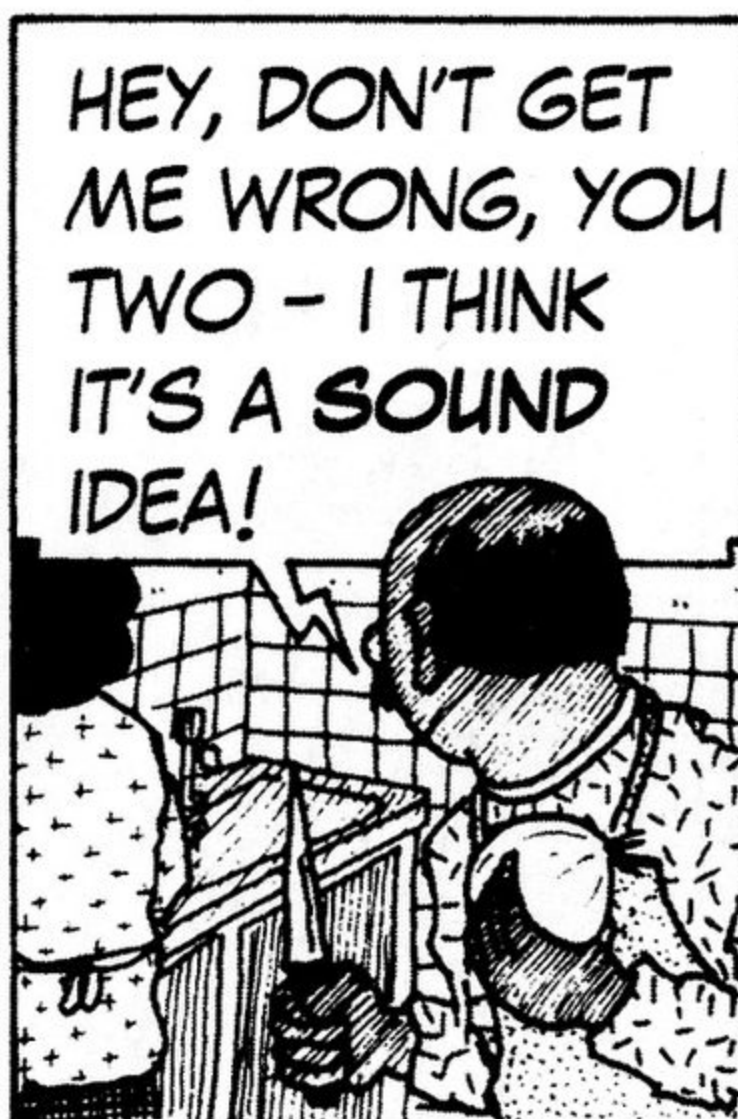


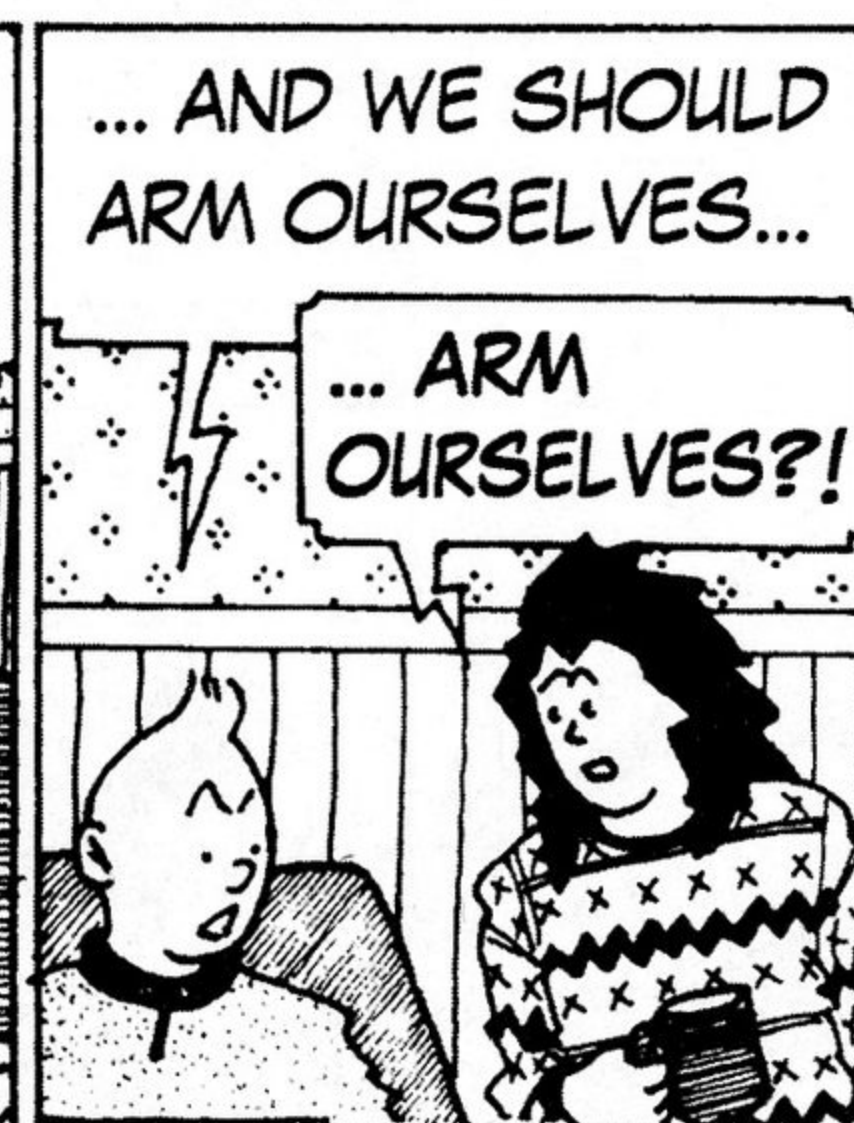
WHAT? EVERY
DAY?!



YEAH! WE
CAN DO IT...
NO SWEAT!







... BUT PEOPLE ARE
GOING TO BE KILLED,
YOU KNOW...



PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
KILLED ALREADY,
LOVE... AND WHERE'S
CAPTAIN NOW...?



OH GOD!!...



DON'T WORRY, MARY...

I DO WORRY...
I'M FRIGHTENED



... I WANT HIM
BACK SO MUCH...
DID YOU SEE THE
STATE HIS FACE
WAS IN, IN COURT...?



... I KNOW...
"RESISTING
ARREST"?! HA!
BASTARDS!!



WE'VE GOT TO GO
ALL OUT NOW...
IT'S THE ONLY WAY!

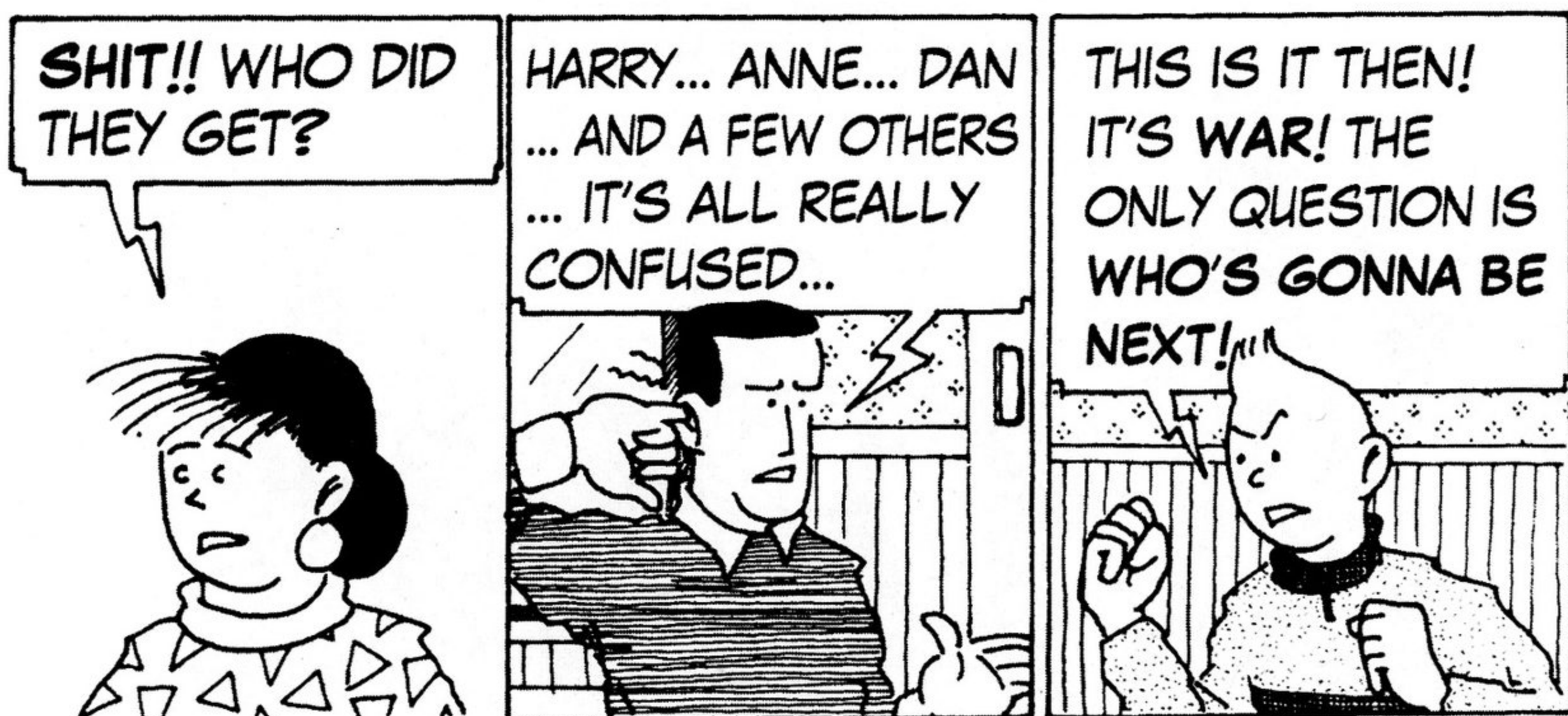
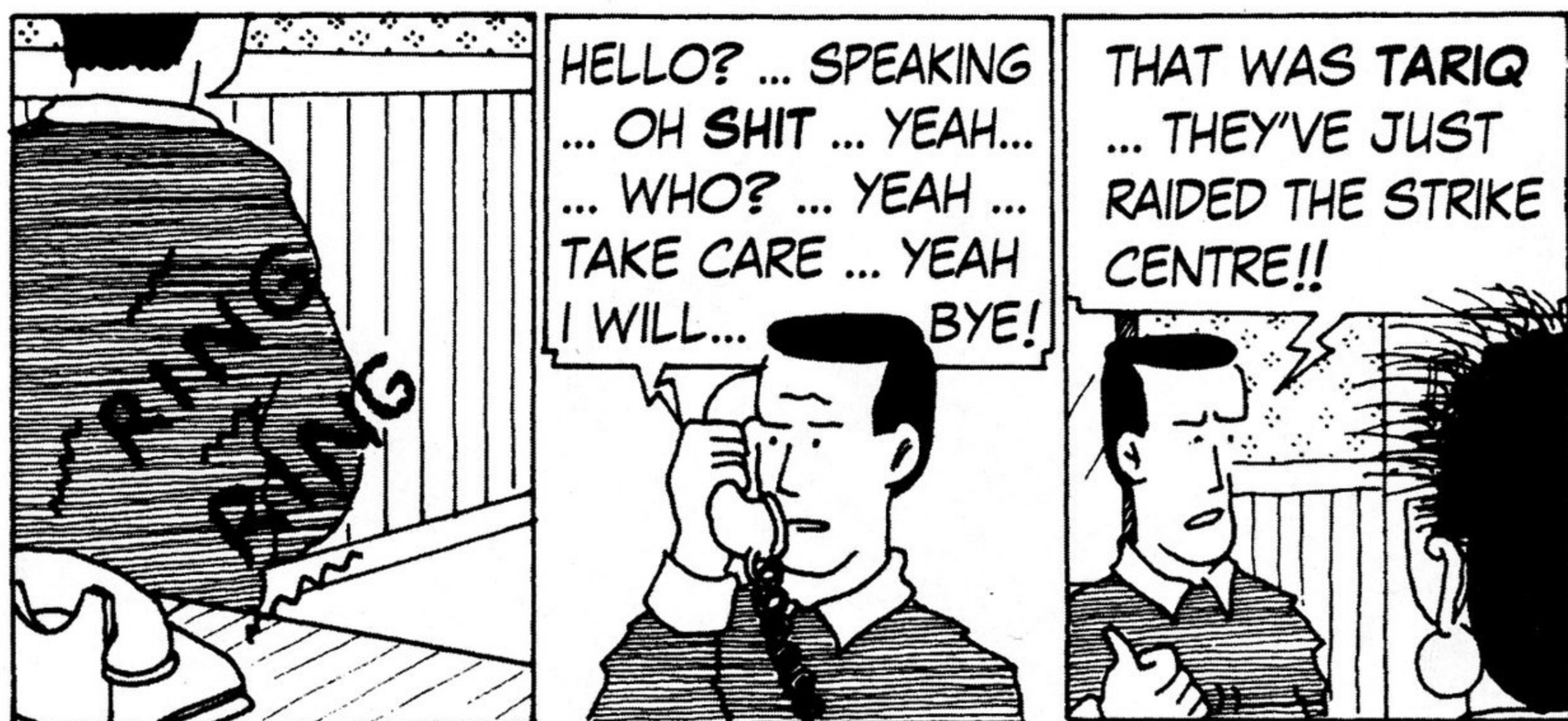


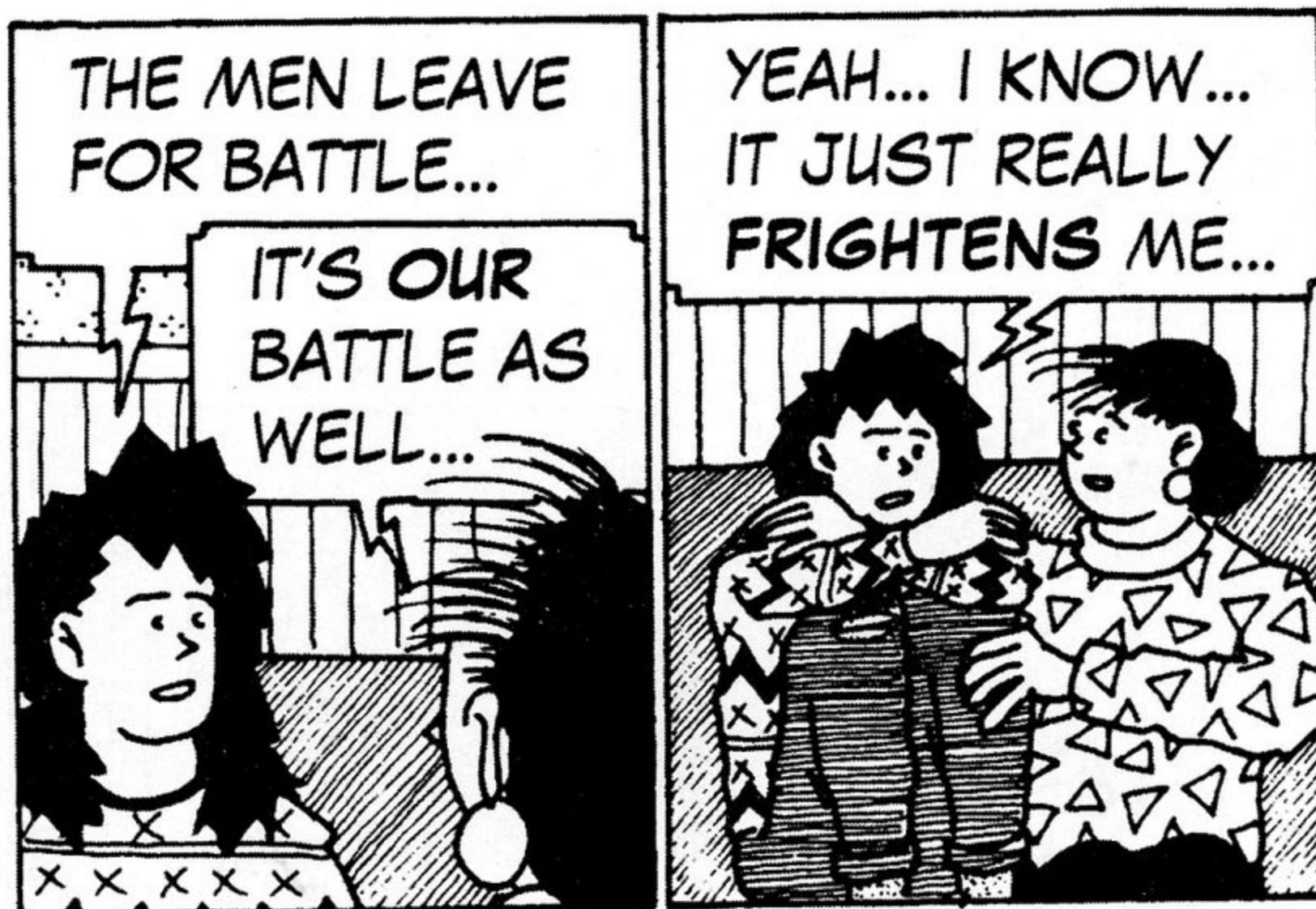
IT'S JUST THAT I
FEEL SO LONELY
... AND SHARON
KEEPS ASKING
WHERE HE IS...



WHAT DO I TELL
HER? ... THAT
HER DAD'S BEEN
ARRESTED AND
BEATEN UP...?
... FOR WHAT?!









HIYA JIM... I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS IS HAPPENING... IT'S FANTASTIC!!



... AND FOR ONCE, I CAN'T SEE ANY COPPERS...

THEY'LL BE ABOUT SOMEWHERE...



A MILE AWAY...

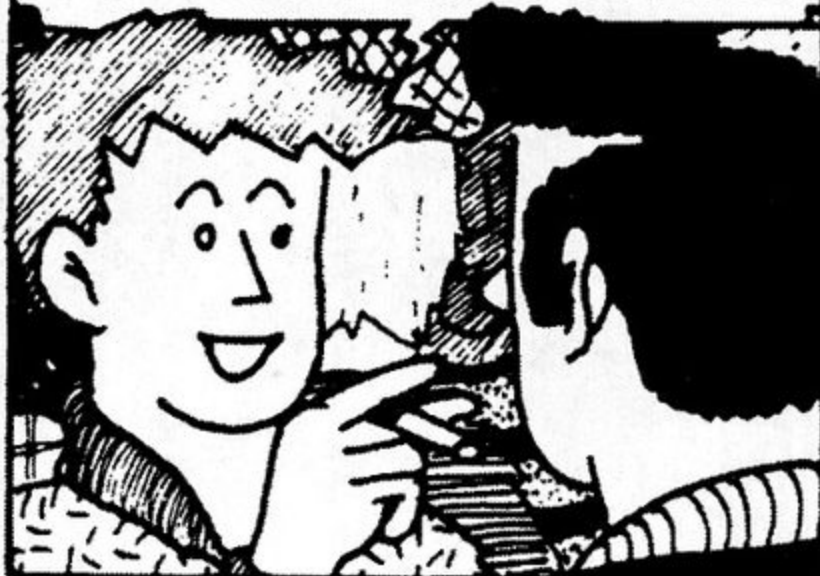


NAH! I RECKON WE'VE GOT 'EM THIS TIME, JIM...

HIYA MARK!



SCOTLAND'S GONE ALREADY! THE R.S.C.s HAVE TAKEN OVER THE POWER STATIONS UP THERE...



AND WHEN THE TROOPS WENT IN, HALF OF 'EM CAME OVER TO OUR SIDE...



IT'S NOW OR NEVER, MATE... THERE'S NO GOING BACK!!



WHAT IS THERE TO GO BACK TO?!



THIS IS IT, NOW... IT'S WAR, INNIT...
... CLASS WAR!!





ME SISTER PHONED LAST NIGHT... SHE SAID THE ARMY HAVE BEEN SENT INTO LIVERPOOL...



... TO "RESTORE ORDER" - WHATEVER THAT MEANS!



IT'S THEIR STINKING ORDER, THEIR RIGHT TO SCREW US... THEY CAN STUFF IT!!



WE'VE HAD A GLIMPSE OF SOMETHING BETTER ... AND WE WANT MORE!



SOLIDARITY is STRENGTH

REGIONAL • STRIKE • CO-ORDINATION



BREAKING FREE

Unfortunately, this book is a work of fiction. We really wish it wasn't. Every day it gets clearer and clearer that revolution is the only *real* option left to us. It might sound ridiculous to talk about 'revolution' at the moment, but it's much more ridiculous to talk about carrying on as we are. Every day our backs are being pushed harder and harder up against the wall: speed-ups at work, cuts in the dole, police harassment, attacks on our communities, deportations, the destruction of the environment. Not to mention the everyday frustration and boredom of living in a world ruled by money, where we work our arses off to keep the powerful few in a life of luxury.

All around the world – South Korea, Poland, South Yorkshire, the *whole* world – wealth and power are in the hands of a tiny few. But that's not to say we've taken it lying down. Time and time again we have fought back and shown that we are not powerless: in France, Germany, Britain, South Africa, Russia, Chile, Algeria, Spain, Burma, America and everywhere else. In the fields, on the streets and in the workplace, our history is one of revolt and rebellion. A history of survival, support and mutual aid against near unbeatable odds.

This book isn't about how to make a revolution, because there are *no* right answers. And the people who say they have the right answer are the ones who will try to ride on our backs: the politicians and bureaucrats who are as much of an obstacle to real change as the ruling class. Whenever we fight back, we're not just up against the courts, the police, the press, etc. We find ourselves blocked, undermined and attacked at every turn by the Labour Party, by the left-wing parties and by trade union bureaucrats. They want to sabotage our struggle, contain our anger and keep us fighting separately, when we know that the only way out of this rotten world is to organise and stand together. *Solidarity is strength*. We can only create a world of freedom, equality and real community by breaking down their divisions of race, gender, sexuality, trade, age and area, and realising our common interest and our common enemy.

Revolution means all sorts of things to all sorts of people. But it definitely doesn't mean swapping one set of bosses for another. A revolution is a complete and total change in the way we live: it will look like nothing we've ever

experienced before. It's not just about petrol bombs, guns and shooting the bosses. Revolution also means putting an end, once and for all, to a world where people are treated like things, and where things (money, washing powder, the flats built by Longs) are treated more importantly than people. It means taking control of our lives and starting to produce for our needs rather than their profits. It means putting an end to starvation, poverty, isolation and bigotry, so that we can realise our full human potential of strength, intelligence, imagination, fun, love and caring.

Attack International

1989

THE SCUM

Wapping remains one of the most extraordinary, vindictive and provocative industrial actions of the last thirty years. Coming just ten months after the collapse of the miners' strike, the year-long Wapping dispute (which was defined by ferocious nightly battles outside Fortress Wapping between police and pickets – and many anarchists – who were determined to prevent the distribution of Murdoch's scab papers) was to be the final body blow to the trade union movement by Thatcher's Tory government. But perhaps a more telling legacy is the dispute laid bare the corrosive relationship between union leaders and their membership – a besieged and vanishing militant working class.

“In January 1986 Rupert Murdoch's News International sacked 6,000 striking members of SOGAT (Society of Graphical and Allied Trades) the NGA (National Graphical Association), the AUEW (Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers) and also some journalists.

“Low profitability in the newspaper industry had been aggravated by the success of skilled and semi-skilled printworkers in resisting the application of new technologies over the last twenty years. As Fleet Street's most profitable publishing group, News International was in a strong position to force through a programme of rapid restructuring. The elements were investment in a new plant and equipment at a site in Wapping, on the western edge of London Docklands (under the pretext of the company's announced intention of launching a new title), and a plan to subdue and re-organise the workforce more quickly and more thoroughly than any of News International's competitors had attempted.

“Having provoked a strike by presenting the print unions with a list of unnegotiable demands, News International used a legal technicality to sack almost its entire London workforce. Production was transferred almost overnight to the new factory, run by scab labour. The print unions were completely excluded, and News International instead hired the services of the EETPU, a modernist union in tune with the realities of the broader labour market. SOGAT, the majority union in the strike, was fucked, and stayed fucked. The NGA was already fucked after Warrington. Although officially ‘in

dispute', the strikers were out in the cold. Nevertheless, it took SOGAT, the NGA, the company and the police 13 months to demobilise them (picketing virtually stopped within a week of SOGAT withdrawing its franchise).

"The public demand of the strikers was for 'full reinstatement'. Their individual and collective assessments of the situation produced a different set of objectives, ranging from better compensation to bloody revolution. The only way the strikers could apply direct pressure was by harassing scabs, disrupting distribution of News International titles and generally making a nuisance of themselves, so that the leaders of the strike became the pickets, and in particular the violent pickets who were prepared to risk repeated arrest in order to keep the stakes high. As in the miners' strike, their relation to the union was ambivalent.

"Wapping was the scene of a number of violent mass demonstrations over the months, culminating in 24th January. The police were forced to engage the pickets in running battles in the streets north of the plant, the nearest the violence came to a sudden general escalation. The reaction was quick; the company brought the law to bear on the SOGAT leadership, which announced the dispute officially over within a few weeks. The strike then collapsed in a matter of a few more days as one chapel after another disbanded itself, and even the most militant pickets gave in to exhaustion." (*Printers Playtime*, shortly after the strike ended in February 1987)

"For months we have taken stick from the police. On Saturday [24th January 1987] we got one back. Brilliant. They must've wondered what hit them, even the veterans of May 3rd. For hours they had to sit there and take it, the noise of concrete on Perspex deafened us, what must it have been like for them? It was too dangerous for them to charge us as they would have liked. Many thanks to all those people 'unconnected to the dispute' who were right up there in the front, showing they know quite well what the police are about and what they deserve from working class people. We need no excuses for hating the police." (*Picket*, 28th January 1987)

The following pages feature *The Scum*, a pamphlet produced in solidarity with the printworkers involved in the Wapping dispute during 1986 and 1987. All profits went to *Picket*, who printed a regular account of the fight against News International, producing 43 issue in all during the strike.

THE Scum



THE PAPER THAT SUPPORTS THE PICKETS

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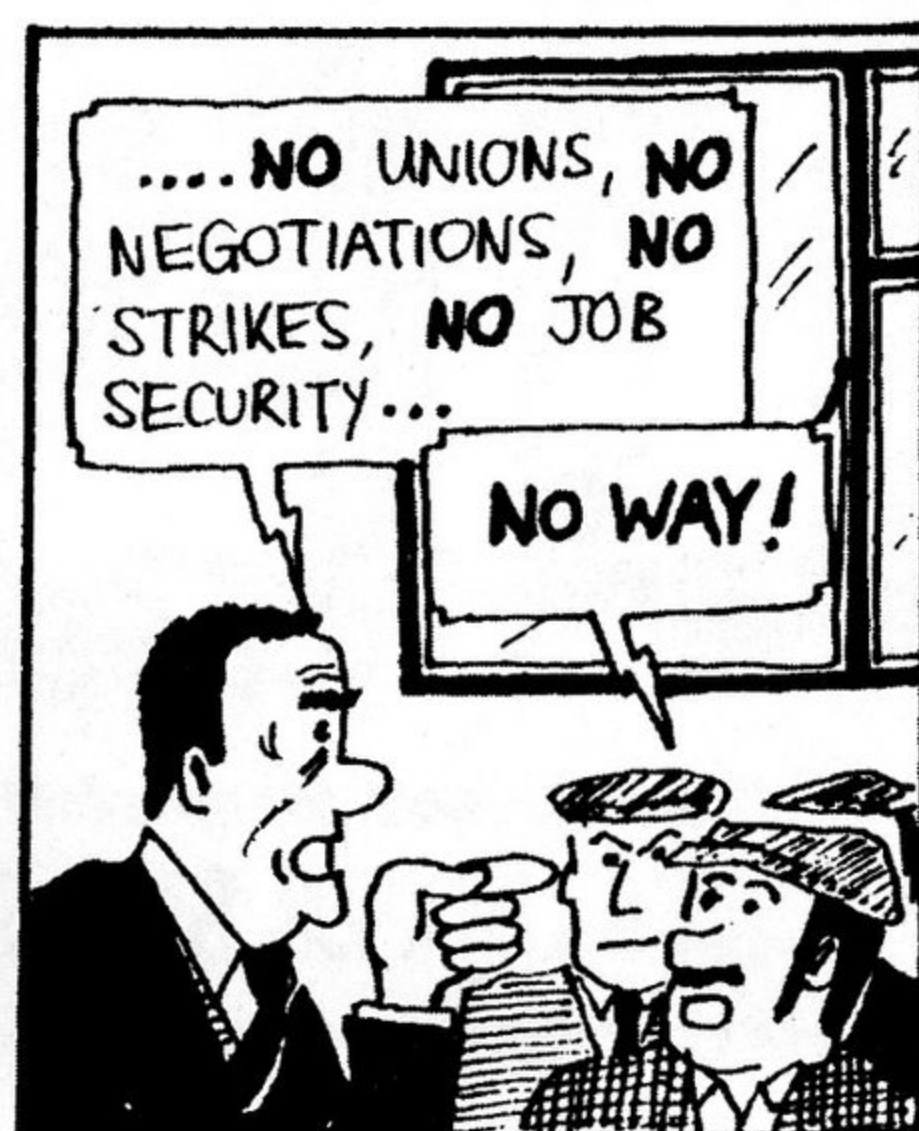
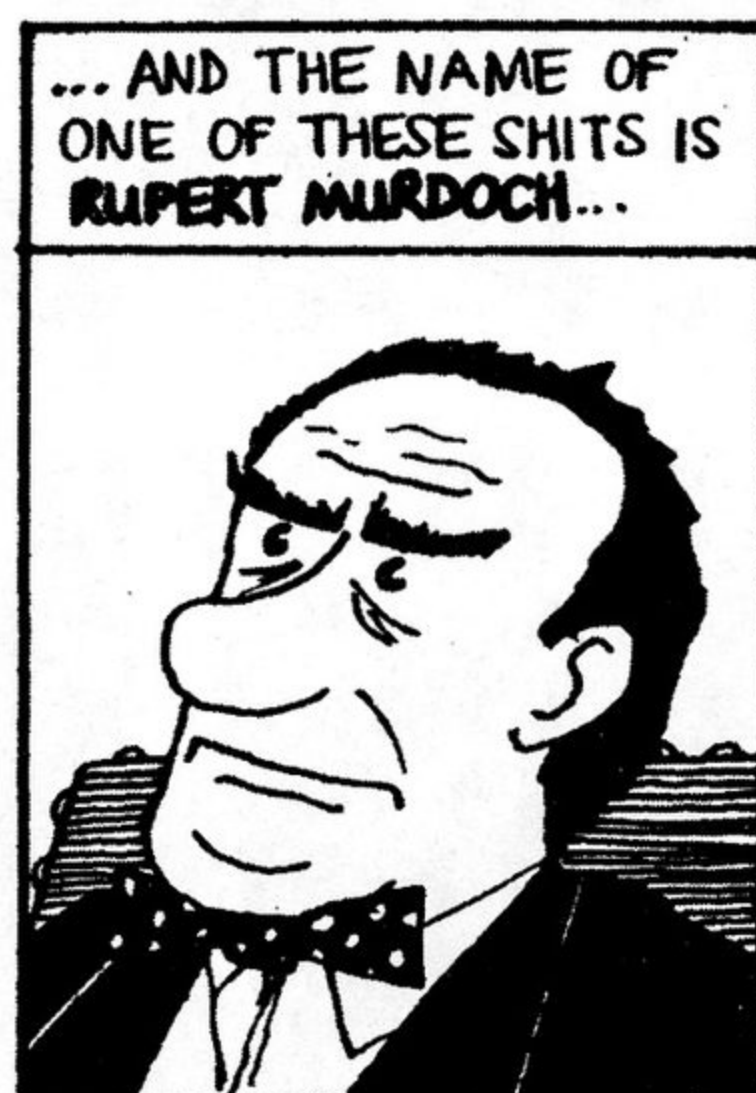
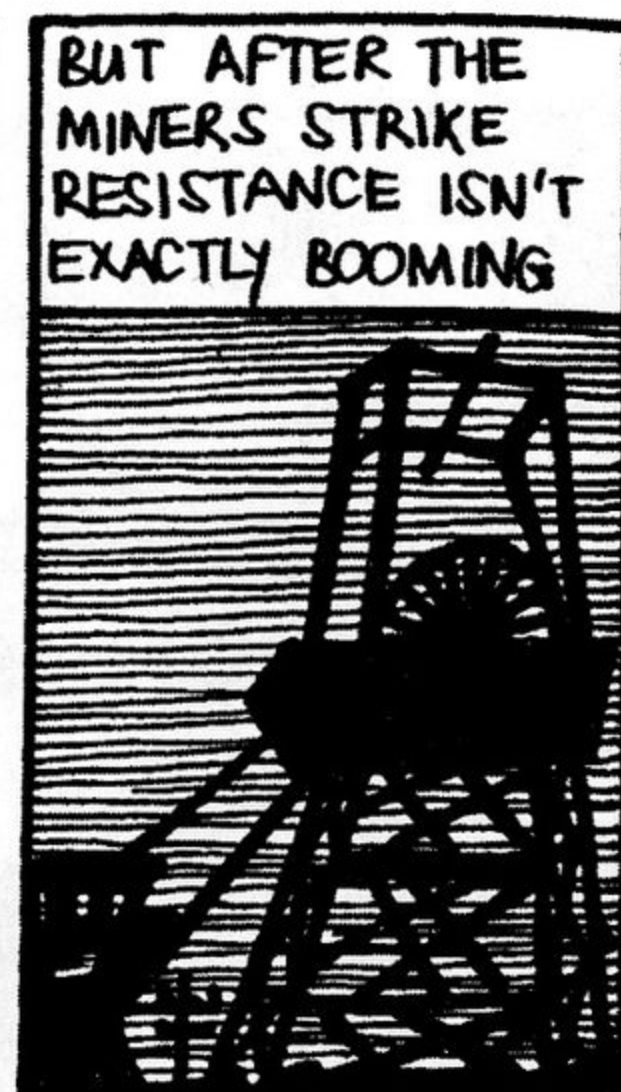
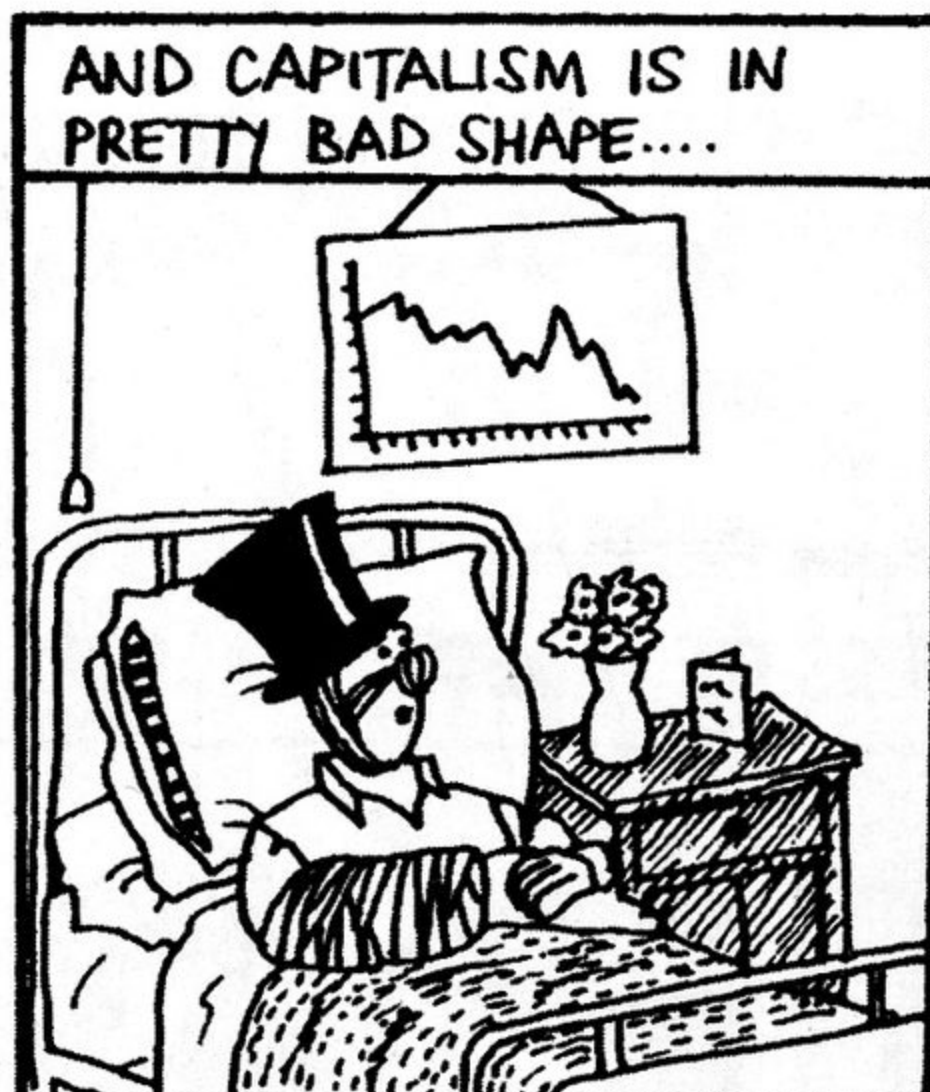
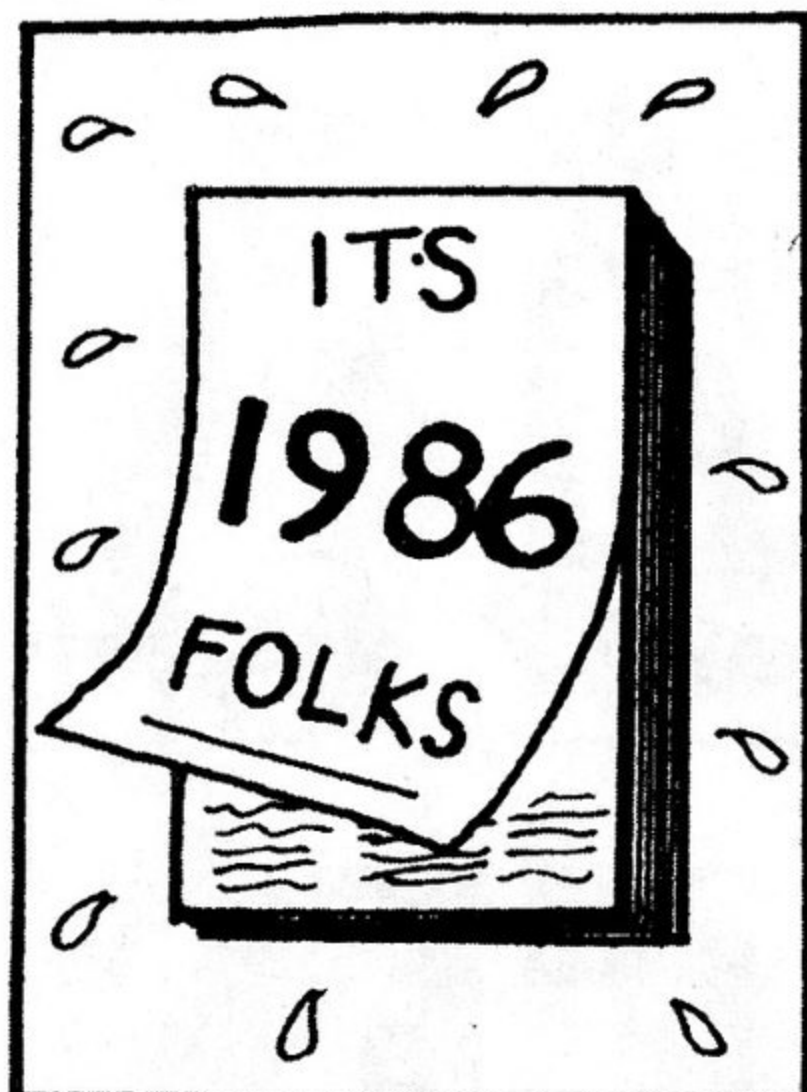
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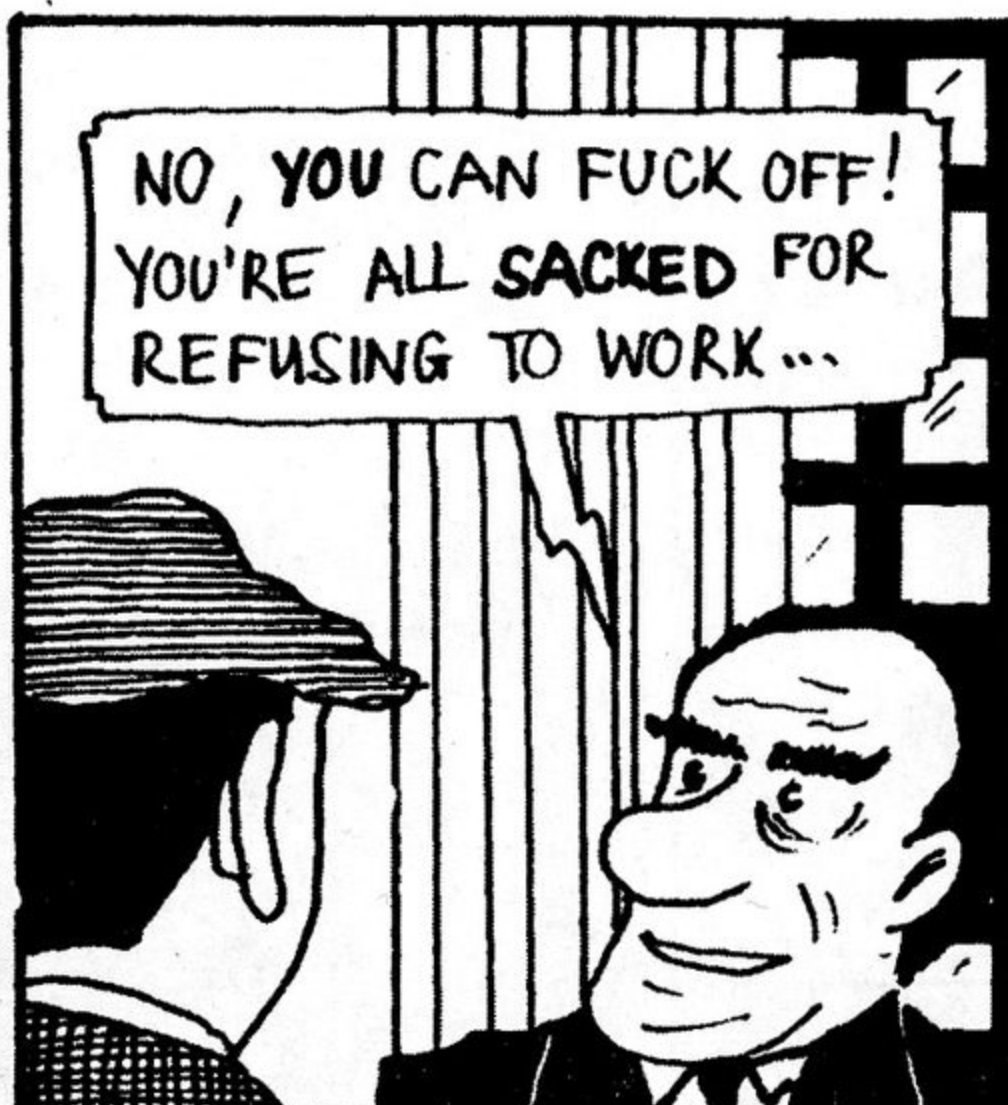
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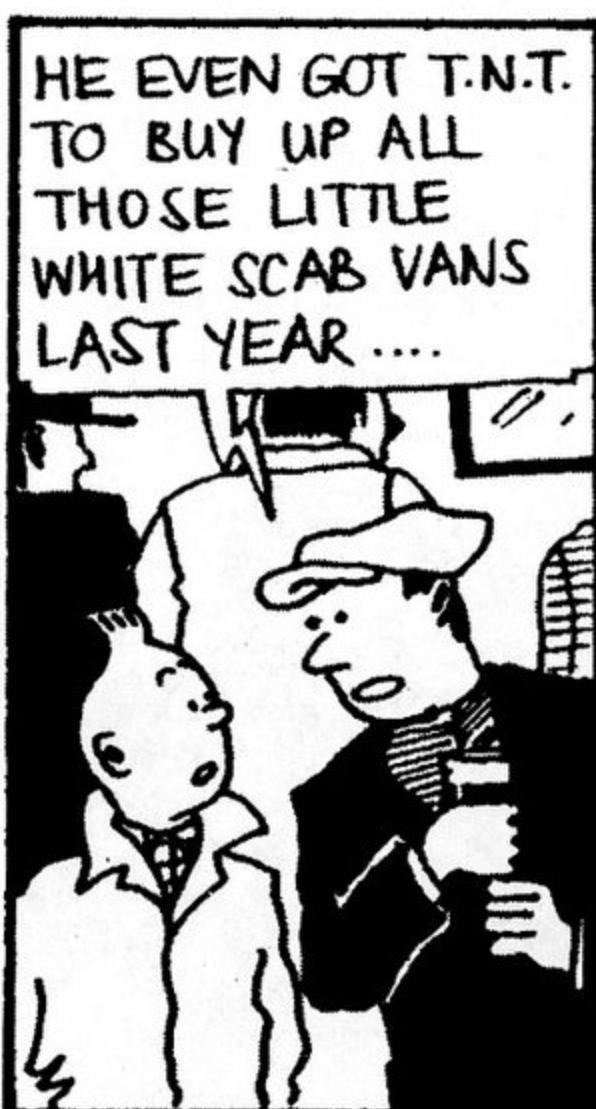
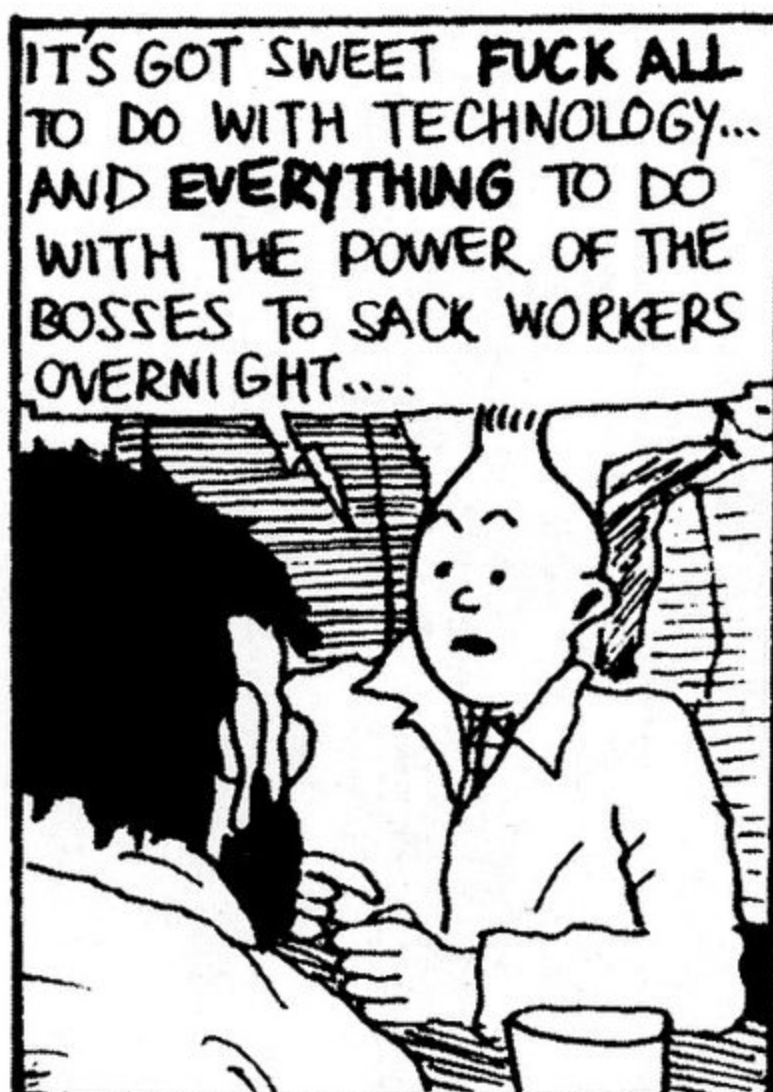
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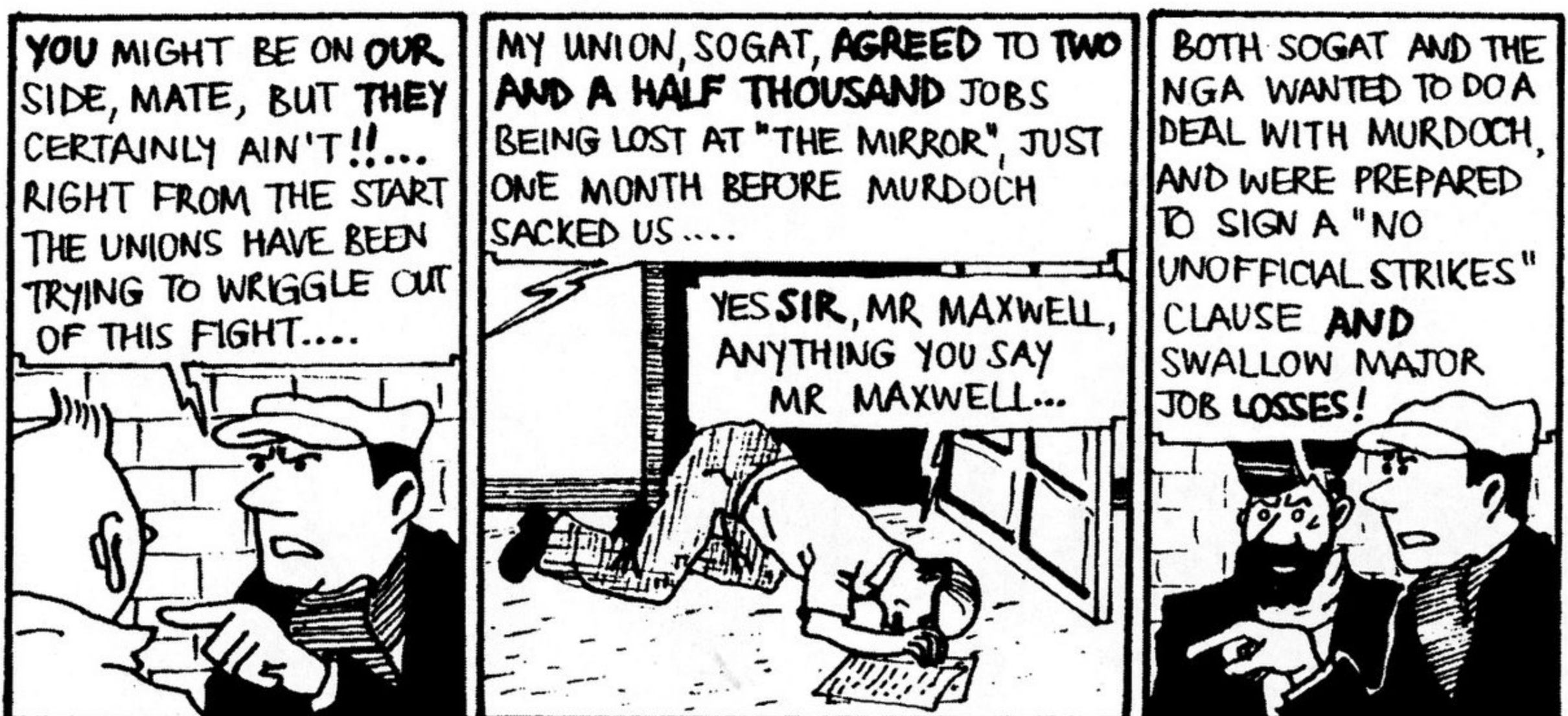
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NOT THAT DEAN AND DUBBINS WOULD HAVE LOST THEIR PRECIOUS JOBS....



LOOK, THE CHANCES OF THE UNIONS REALLY FIGHTING MURDOCH AND HIS CLASS ARE ABOUT AS HIGH AS THOSE OF CATCHING THE QUEEN FARTING IN PUBLIC....

IT JUST AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN!!

SCABS ARE SCUM



THE UNIONS ARE IN THE BUSINESS OF KEEPING US PACIFIED AND QUIET.... THAT'S WHY THE IDEA OF WORKERS GOING ON UNOFFICIAL STRIKE SCARES THEM SHITLESS!



...EVEN KING-SHIT MURDOCH KNOWS HOW MUCH HE NEEDS THE UNIONS... REMEMBER WHAT HE SAID ABOUT DEAN....



SO LONG AS BRENDA DEAN IS IN CHARGE I THINK THINGS WILL BE FAIRLY PEACEFUL.

IF YOU WANT TO PISS ON US, MR. MURDOCH, ALL I ASK IS THAT YOU GO THROUGH THE PROPER CHANNELS...



WE'RE UP AGAINST EVERYONE HERE... THE BOSSES, THE STATE, THE COPS, THE MEDIA, THE UNIONS...



THE ONLY WAY WE STAND A CHANCE OF WINNING IS IF WE PUSH ASIDE GITS LIKE THAT STEWARD, MIKE HICKS, AND TAKE THE FIGHT INTO OUR OWN HANDS'....



WHO IS THIS MIKE HICKS THEN?....

HE'S A STALINIST BUREAUCRAP, HIGH UP IN SOGAT AND THE T.U.C.



THAT'S T.U.C. SHORT FOR THATCHER'S UNOFFICIAL COPS!!!



I REMEMBER HICKS...
...WHEN WILLIS, THE
T.U.C. BOSS, GOT ATTACKED
FOR BEING A WANKER
DURING THE MINERS'
STRIKE, IT WAS HICKS
WHO HELPED THE COPS
IDENTIFY THE "TROUBLE-
MAKERS" ON A VIDEO!



THAT'S HIM ALRIGHT!!
DOWN HERE, HE'S
ALWAYS SENDING PICKETS
TO THE WRONG GATE,
SPREADING FALSE
INFORMATION, AND
DOING ALL HE CAN TO
DEFUSE OUR ANGER...



AFTER THE BIG RIOT ON MAY 3RD, THE
NGA AND SOGAT LEADERS EVEN SET
UP A DIRECT PHONE-LINK WITH THE
BASTARDS-IN-BLUE, SO THAT THEY
CAN WORK TOGETHER TO COMBAT
EFFECTIVE PICKETING AND BREAK
OUR FIGHT!!



HICKS RECKONED THAT
THE ONLY PEOPLE
THROWING BRICKS HERE
THAT NIGHT WERE
PLAINCLOTHES PLODS...

WHICH IS FUCKING ODD
'COS THE ONES WHO
SEEMED MOST LIKE
COPPERS THAT NIGHT
WERE THE WINDBAGS
ON THE UNION PLATFORM!!



ESPECIALLY WHEN
THEY CAME OUT WITH
BULLSHIT LIKE "I
APPEAL TO THE
POLICE TO WITHDRAW-
WE CAN KEEP ORDER
AMONGST OUR OWN
PEOPLE.".....



REMEMBER:... "TRADE
UNION OFFICIAL" IS
SPELT S...O...F...T...
C...O...P! SO IT'S A
WASTE OF TIME
BUILDING THE UNIONS
WHEN WE COULD BE
BUILDING BARRICADES!



RUPERT MURDOCH, RUPERT MURDOCH,
STUFF YOUR MONEY UP YOUR ARSE !!



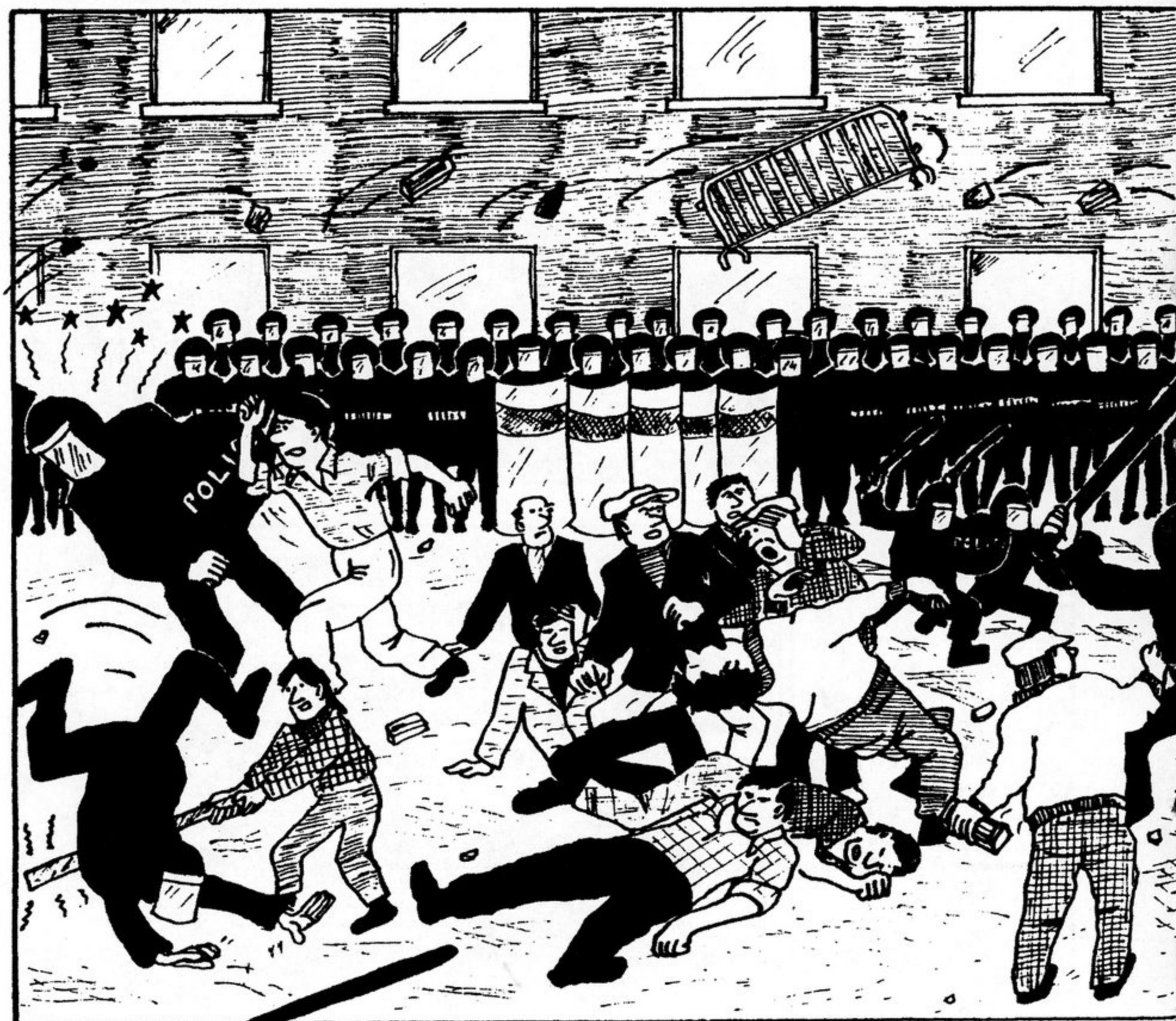
HANG ON... I THINK
THE OLD BILL ARE
ABOUT TO GO FOR IT!

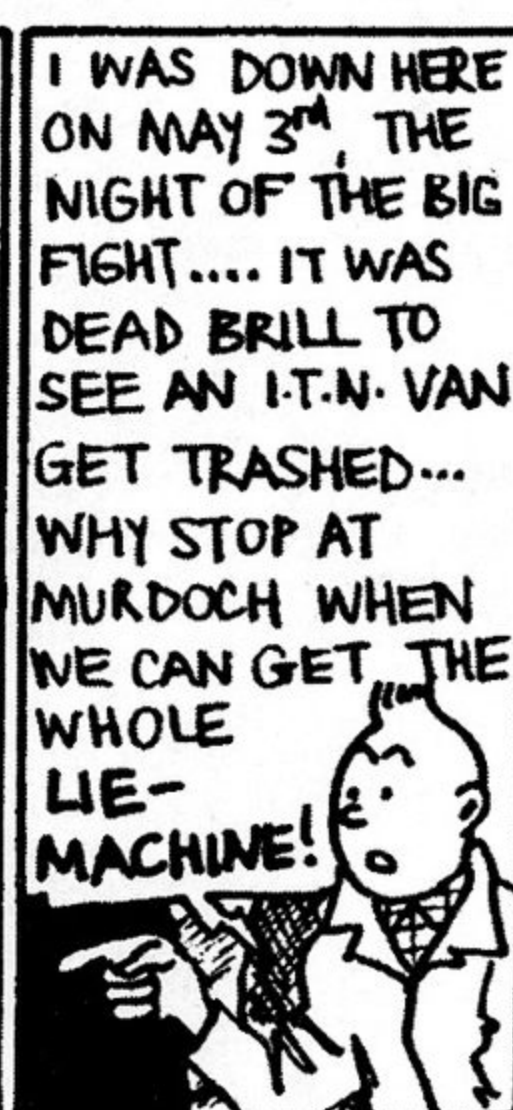
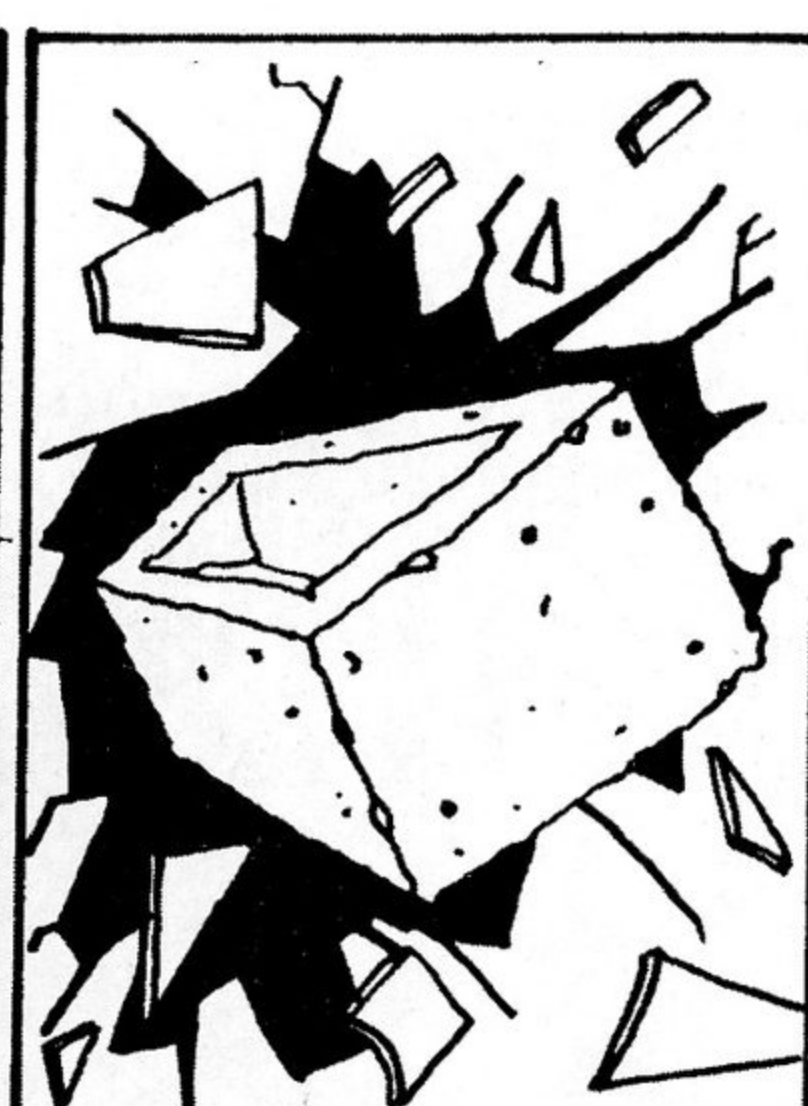
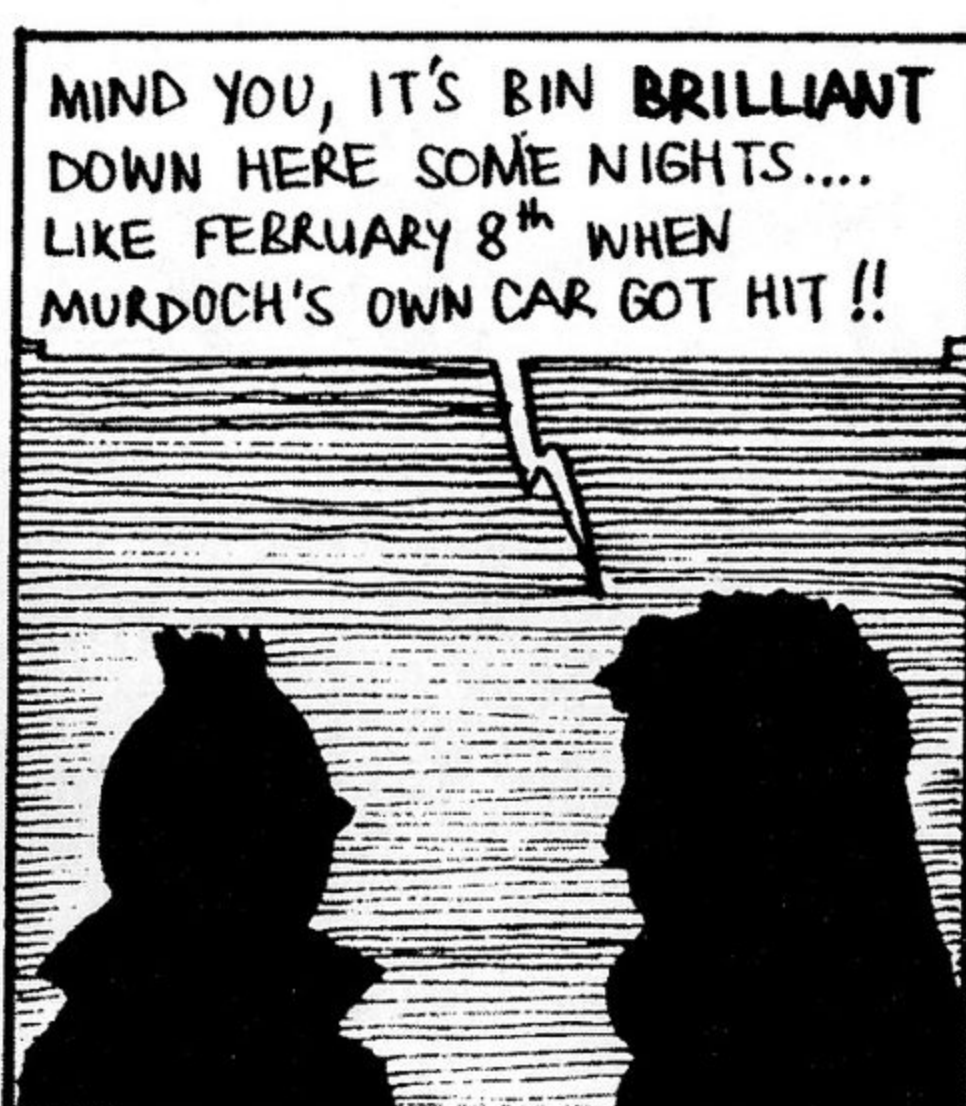


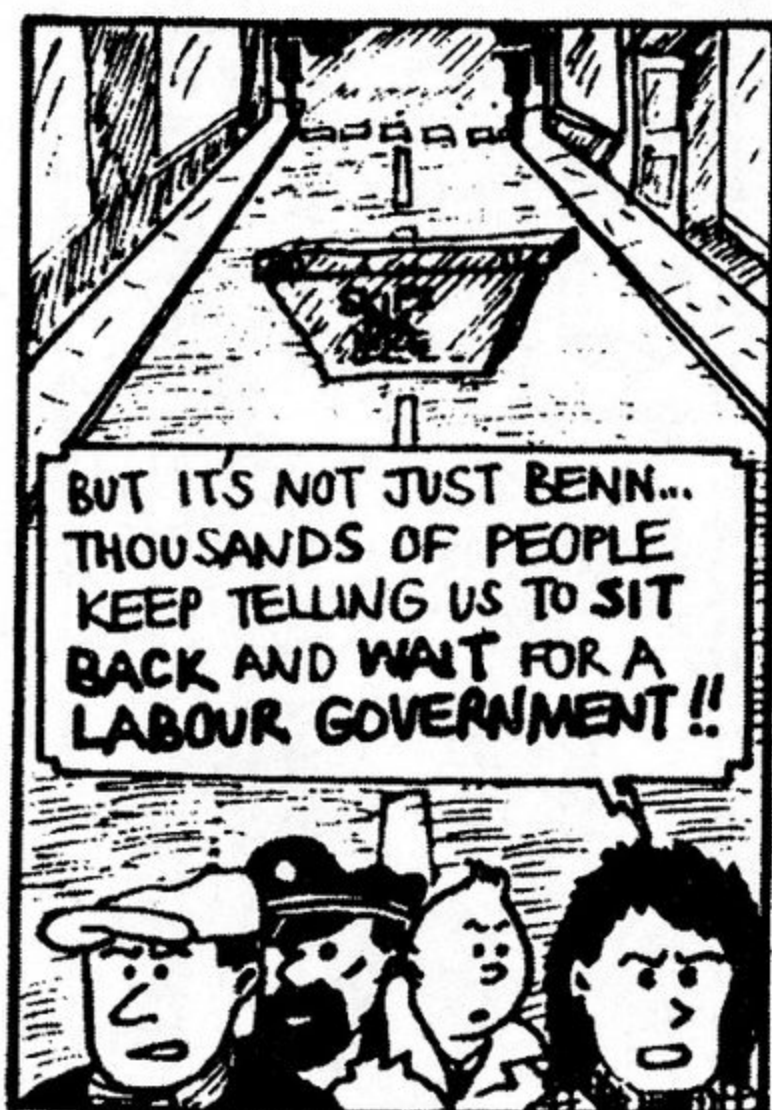
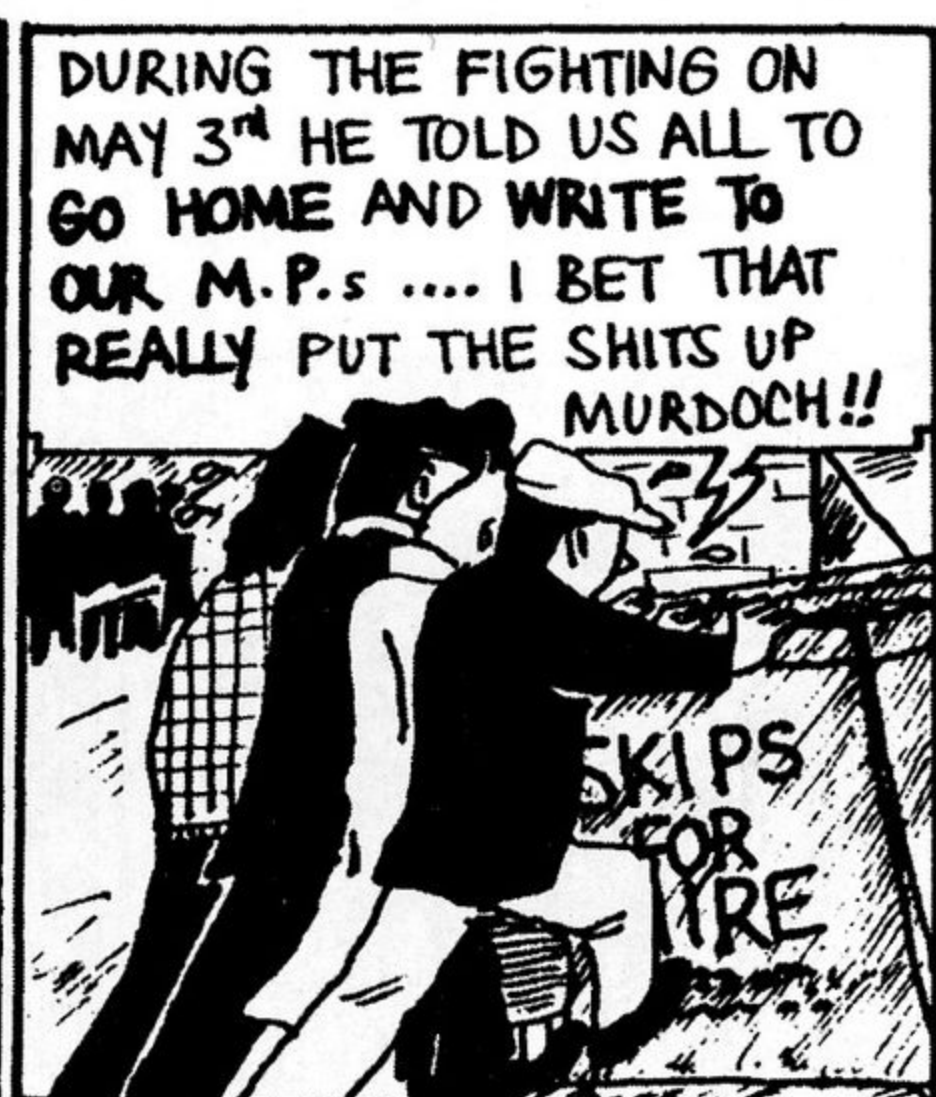
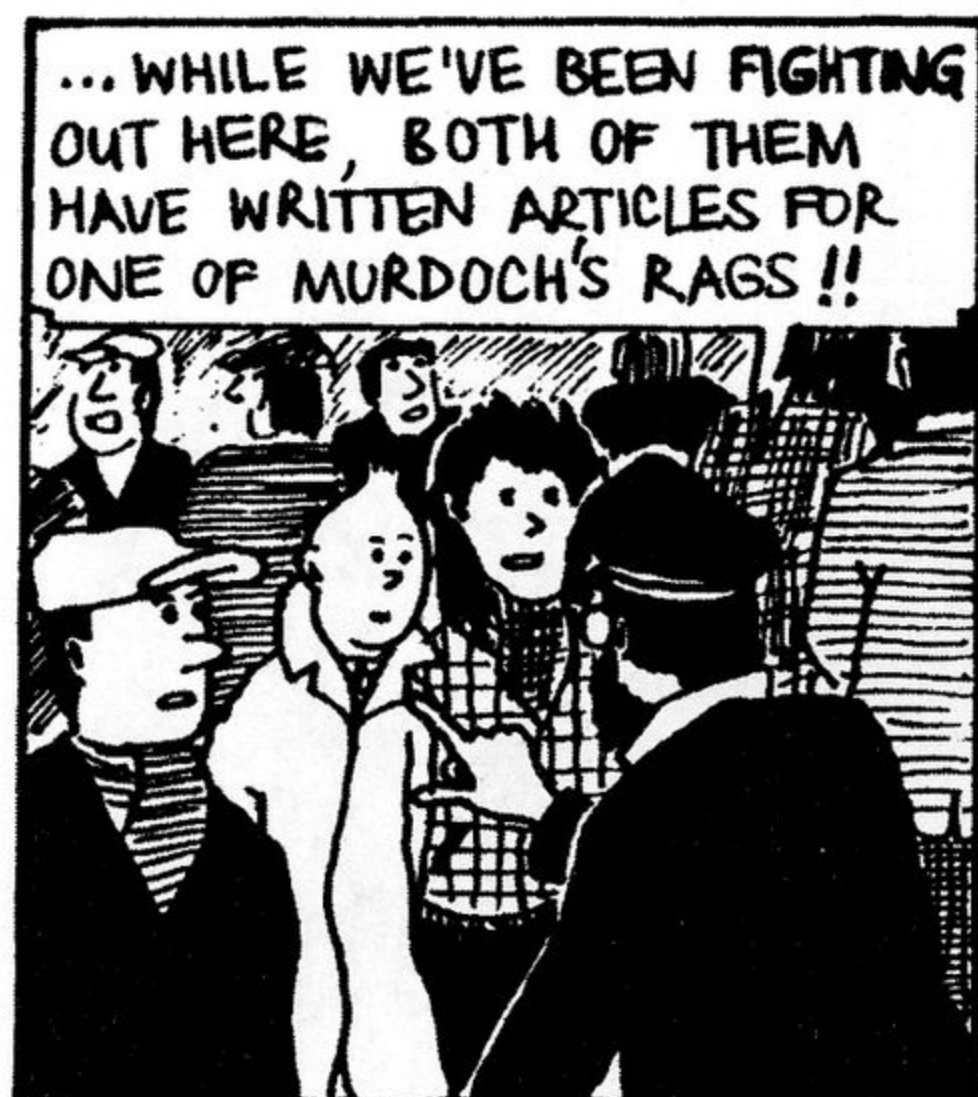
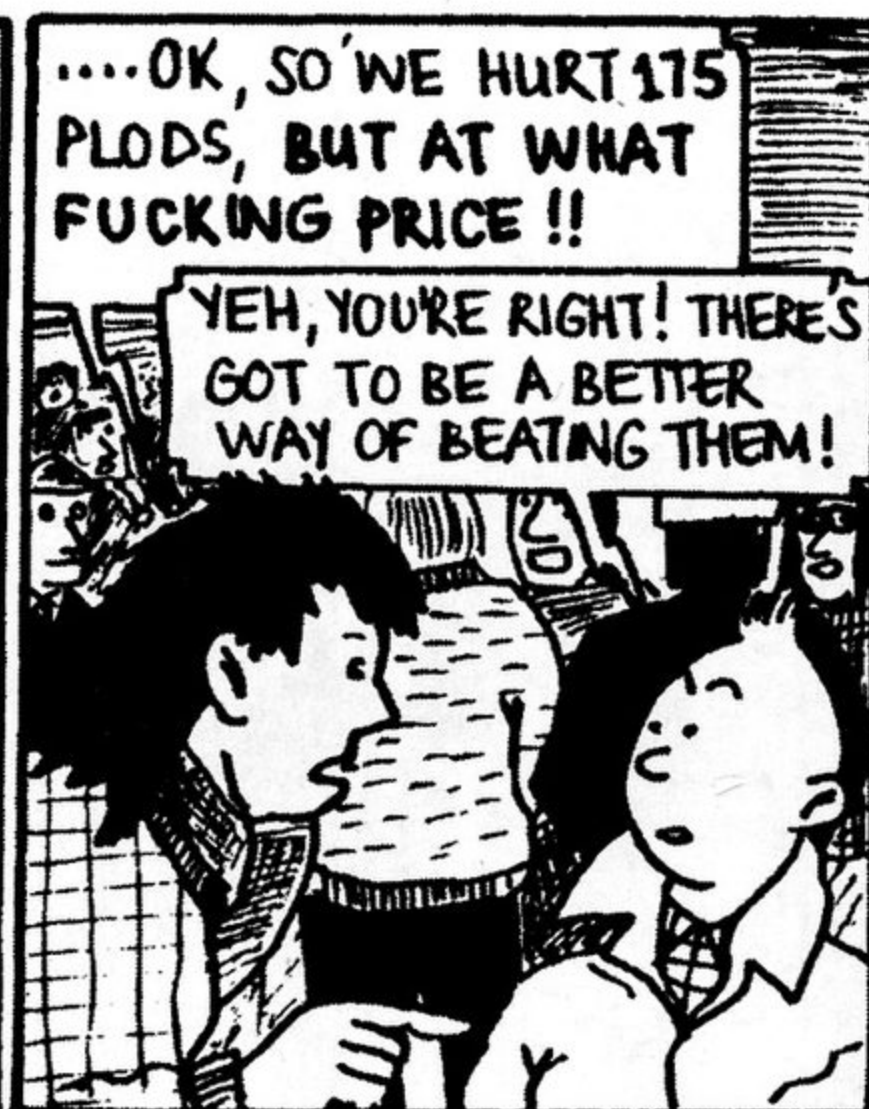
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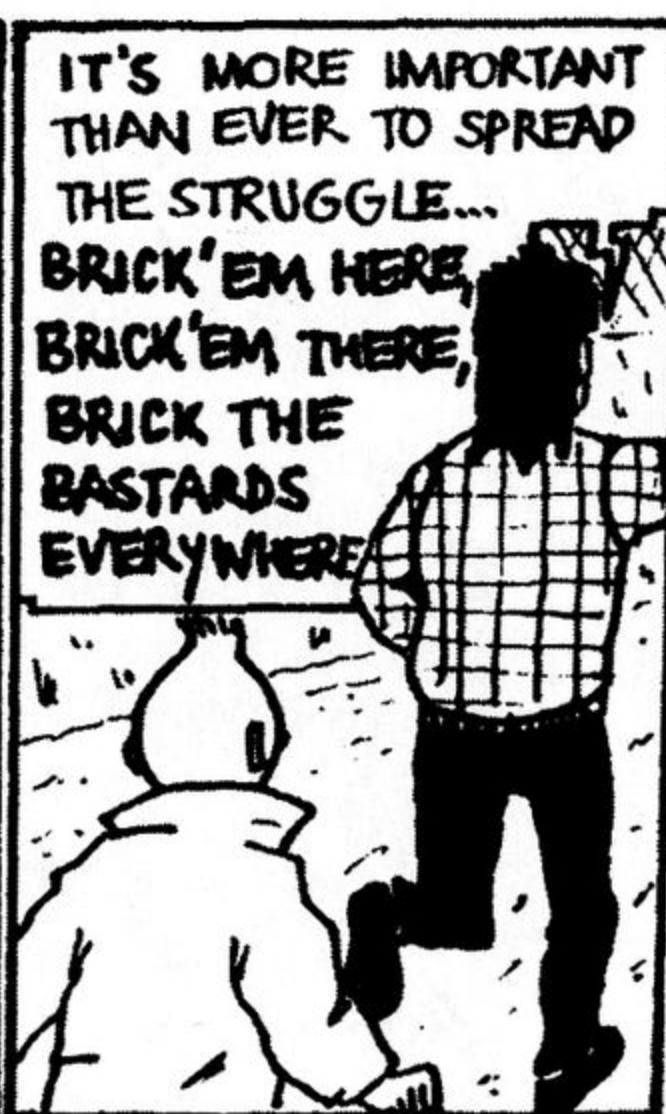
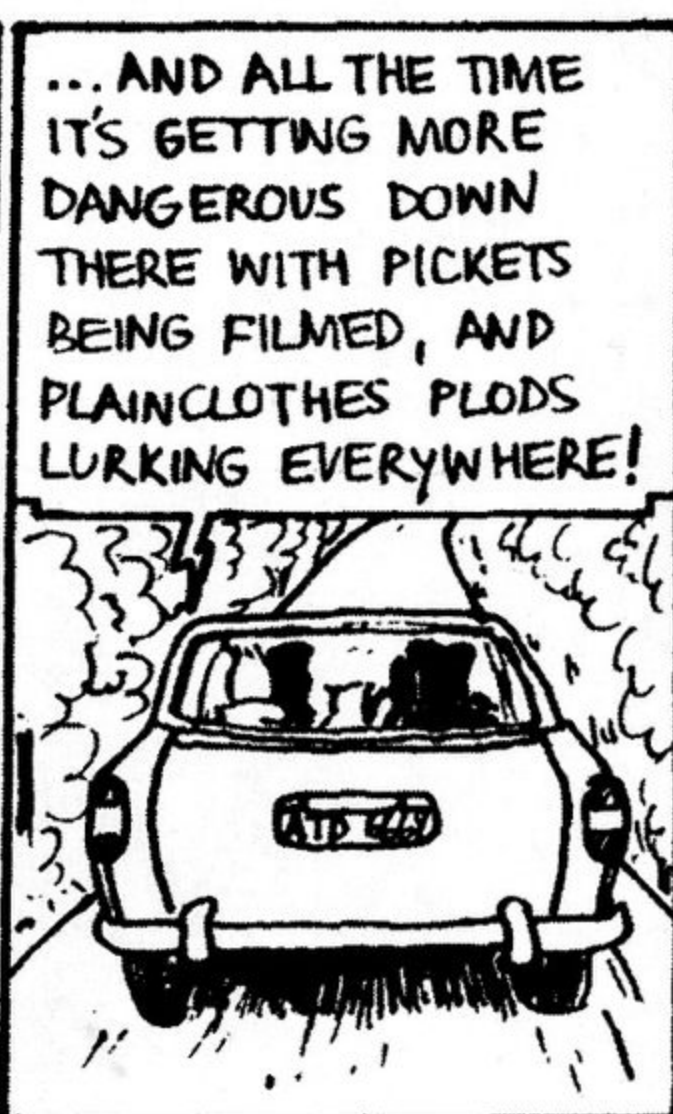
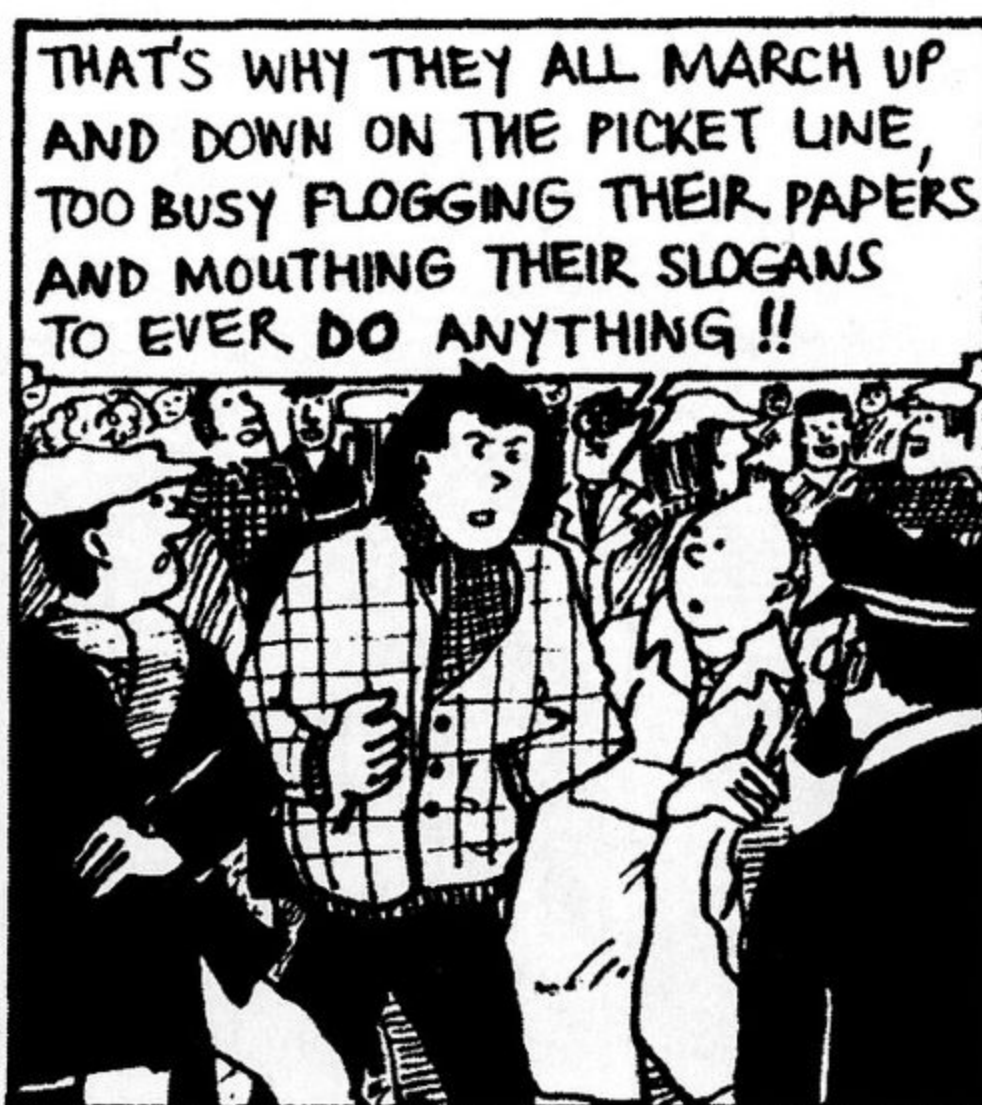


..EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT
DEAD COPS FLOAT!









T.N.T. HAVE SCABBY
DEPOTS ALL OVER
THE COUNTRY AND
THEY MAKE MUCH
EASIER TARGETS THAN
WAPPING OK, THE
COAST IS CLEAR
LET'S GO!



... WE CAN ALL TAKE
A TIP FROM THE
FLYING PICKETS AT
DEPOTS LIKE THETFORD,
EASTLEIGH AND
SOUTHEND



OF COURSE BRENDA
DEAN WAS THE FIRST TO
CONDEMN THESE ACTIONS
.... TRUTH IS, SHE'S
SHIT-SCARED THAT THE
PICKETS MIGHT ACTUALLY
WIN !!



BUT WE DON'T NEED LOADS
OF PLANNING OR HUNDREDS
OF PICKETS TO BE EFFECTIVE..
BUNDLES OF MURDOCH'S RAGS
ARE DELIVERED **EVERY DAY**
TO MOST NEWSAGENTS



...THEY'RE USUALLY LEFT
OUTSIDE ABOUT FIVE IN THE
MORNING ...



...JUST THE RIGHT TIME
FOR A **LATE NIGHT PISS!**



...OR AN **EARLY
MORNING FAG!!**



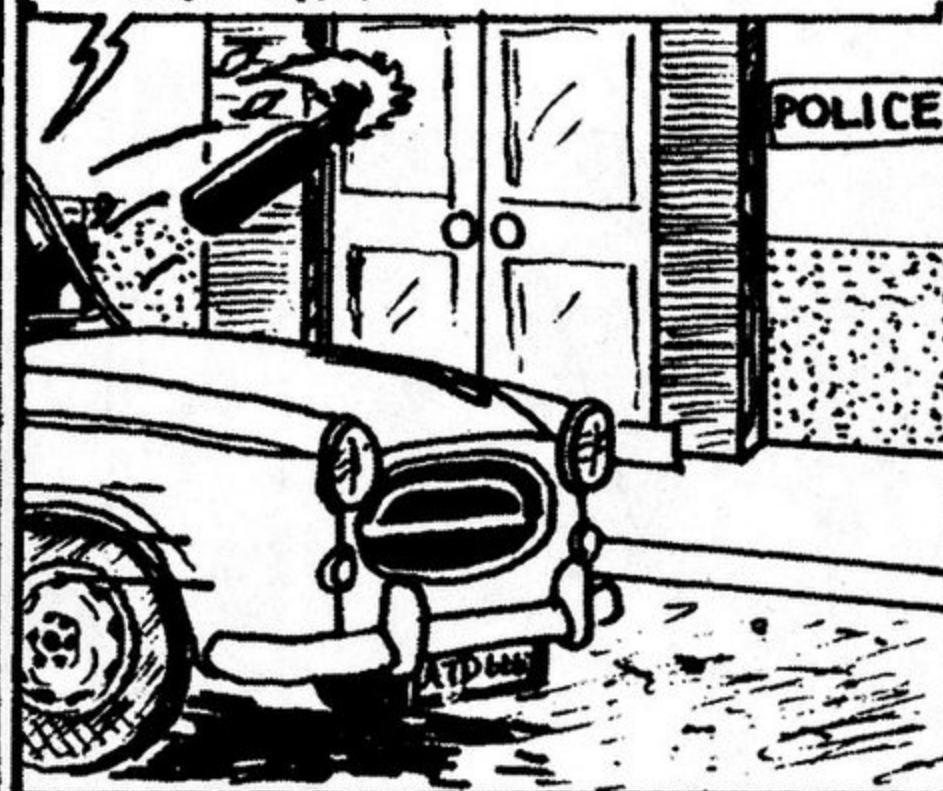
THE JUNE BONFIRE AT
MURDOCH'S WAREHOUSE IN
DEPTFORD SHOWS JUST WHAT
CAN BE DONE



ACTION ON ITS OWN ISN'T ENOUGH WE NEED TO MOVE OUTWARDS AND CONNECT WITH OTHER PEOPLE — OUR STRUGGLE WILL DIE UNLESS IT LINKS UP WITH OTHERS!



LOADS OF US ARE NOW UP AGAINST A COMMON ENEMY... WE'RE ALL FIGHTING THE SAME SHIT!!



YEH ... SOME OF THE MOST SUSSED PEOPLE DOWN AT WAPPING HAVE BEEN THOSE WHO LIVE ON THE ESTATES AROUND THE PLANT...



THE WHOLE AREA IS BEING TURNED INTO A GHETTO FOR THE RICH ... AND COPS HAVE USED PICKETING AS AN EXCUSE TO TERRORISE LOCAL RESIDENTS.... SO THESE KIDS KNOW EXACTLY WHAT THEY ARE DOING WHEN THEY TAKE A BREAK FROM ATTACKING SCABS...



AND LOB BRICKS AND BOTTLES AT PASSING RICH BASTARDS!!



RUPERT MURDOCH'S A BASTARD ALRIGHT, BUT HE'S JUST ONE AMONG THOUSANDS!



YEH, IT'S NO GOOD JUST BURNING OUT MURDOCH — WE'VE GOTTA BURN OUT THE **WHOLE SHITTY SYSTEM** THAT KEEPS HIM AND HIS KIND GOING.....

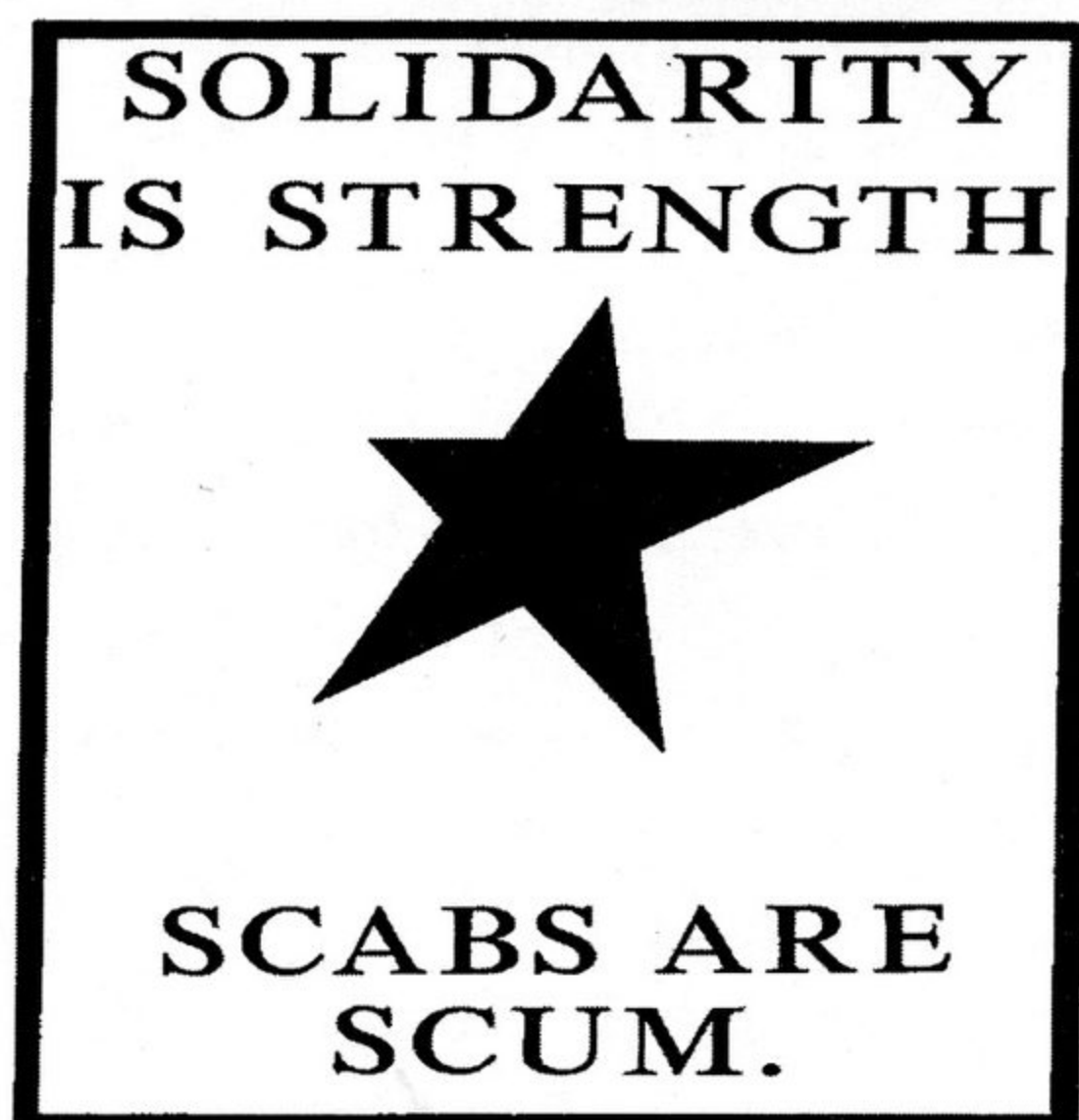
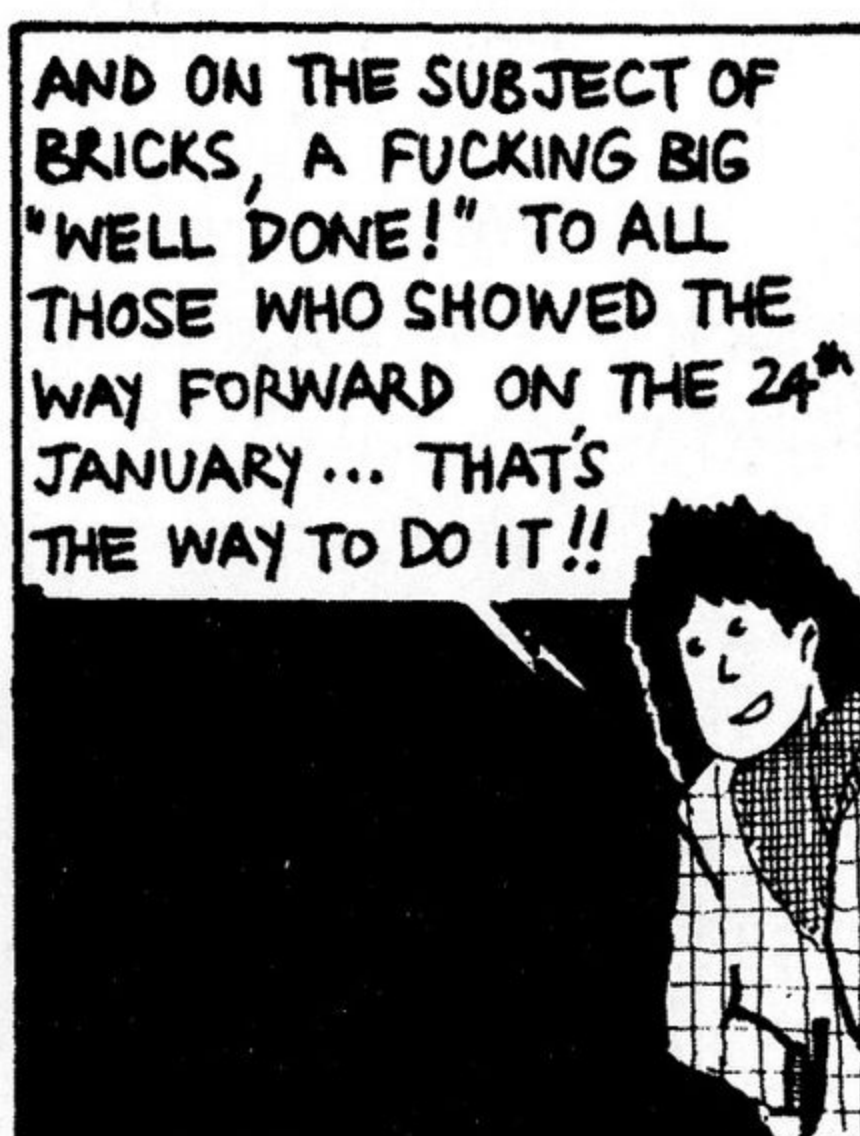
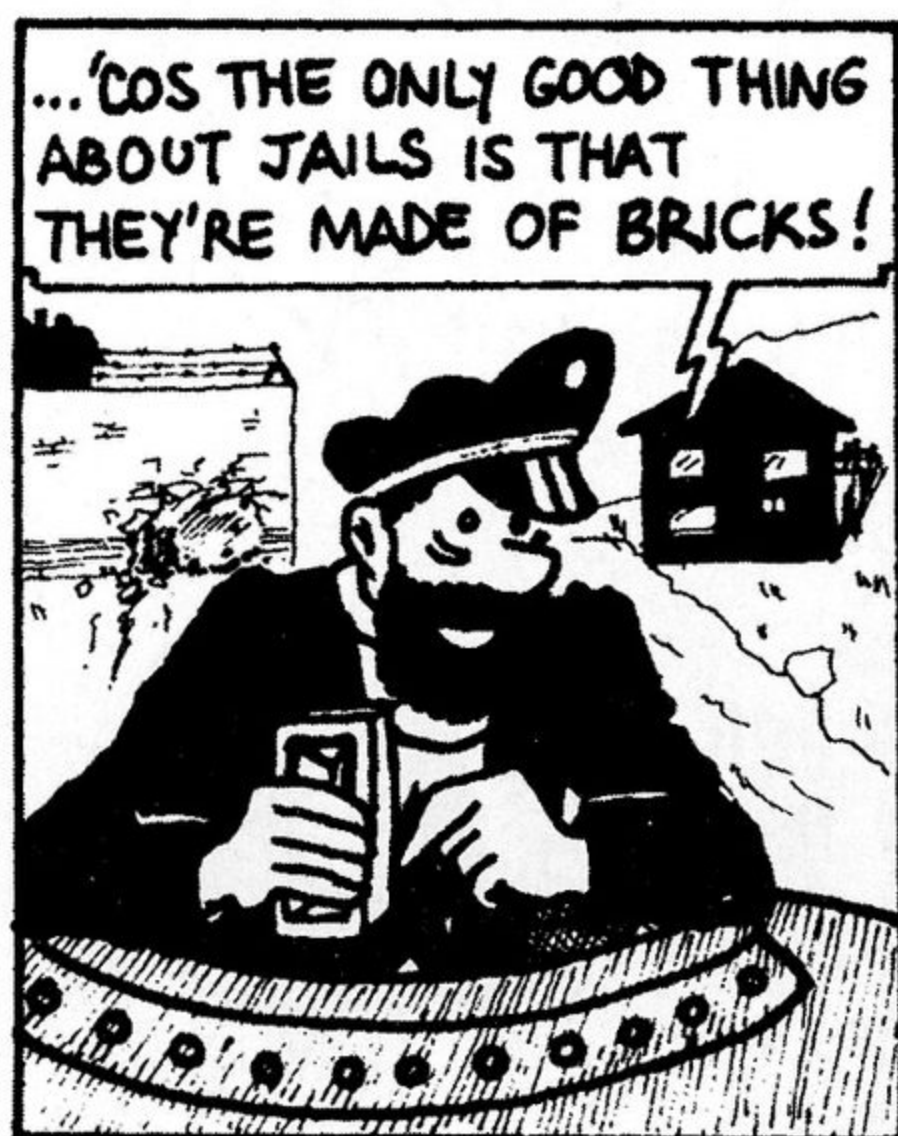
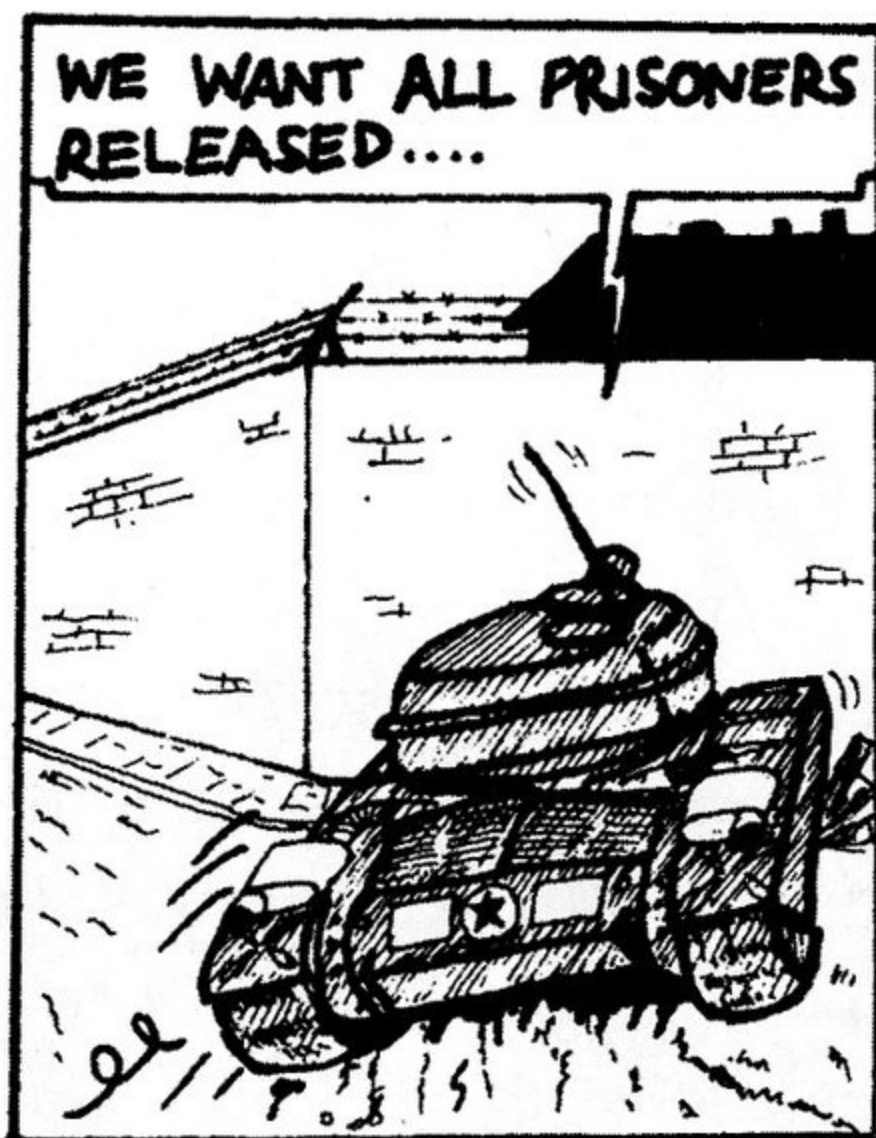


AND THAT MEANS STARTING TO CREATE A WORLD WHERE WE DON'T HAVE **COPS** AND WE DON'T HAVE **BOSSES**....



... AND WHERE WE DON'T NEED "JOBS" OR "NEWSPAPERS"!





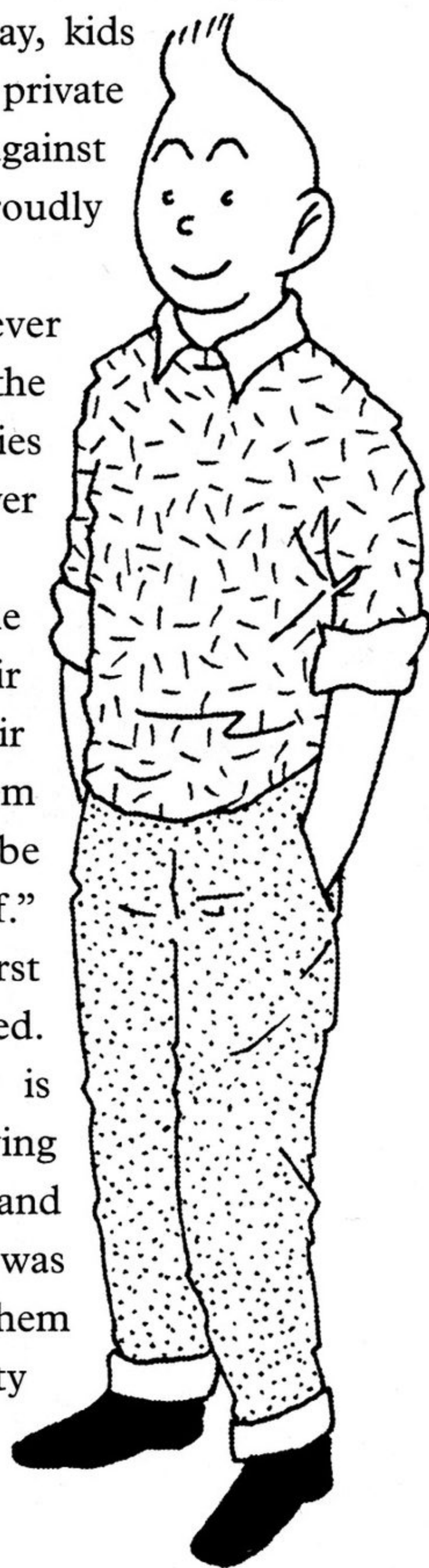
ORGANISE

No-one ever changed the world from the comfort of an armchair. We need to *organise* and act together. As revolutionaries we encourage and practically support struggles in the workplace and in the community. When we say 'struggle', we don't just mean massed men and women at the factory gates, we also mean local people trying to stop a new motorway, kids throwing bricks at the police, an estate united against private developers, black communities defending themselves against racist attacks, gay men and lesbians marching proudly through the streets...

"Meaningful action for revolutionaries is whatever increases the confidence, the autonomy, the initiative, the participation, the solidarity, the equalitarian tendencies and the self activity of the working class, and whatever assists their demystification.

Sterile and harmful activity is whatever reinforces the passivity of the working classes, their apathy, their cynicism, their differentiation through hierarchy, their alienation, their reliance on others to do things for them and the degree to which they can therefore be manipulated – even those allegedly acting on their behalf."

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